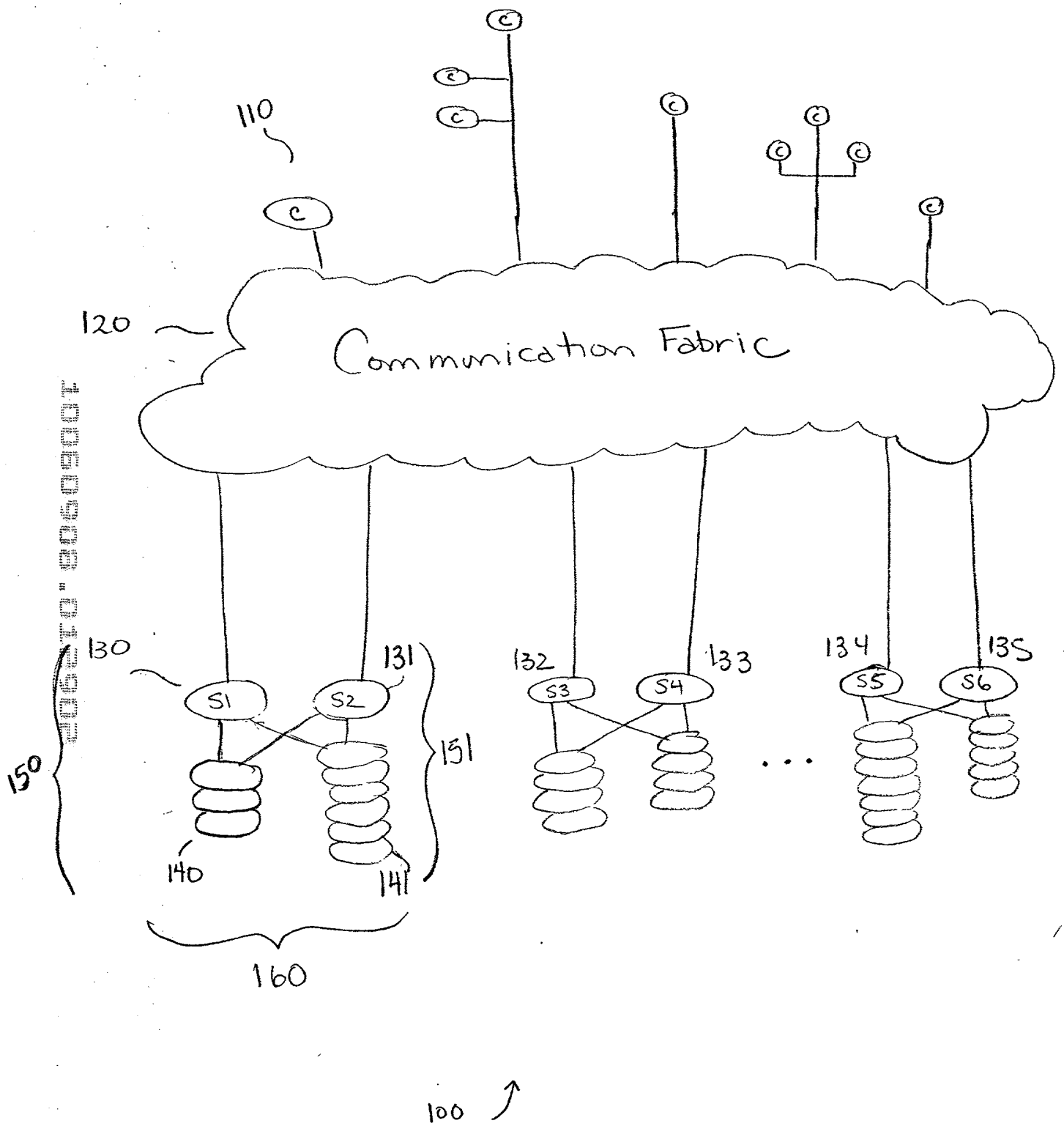


FIGURE 1 - General Overview of Distributed File Storage System

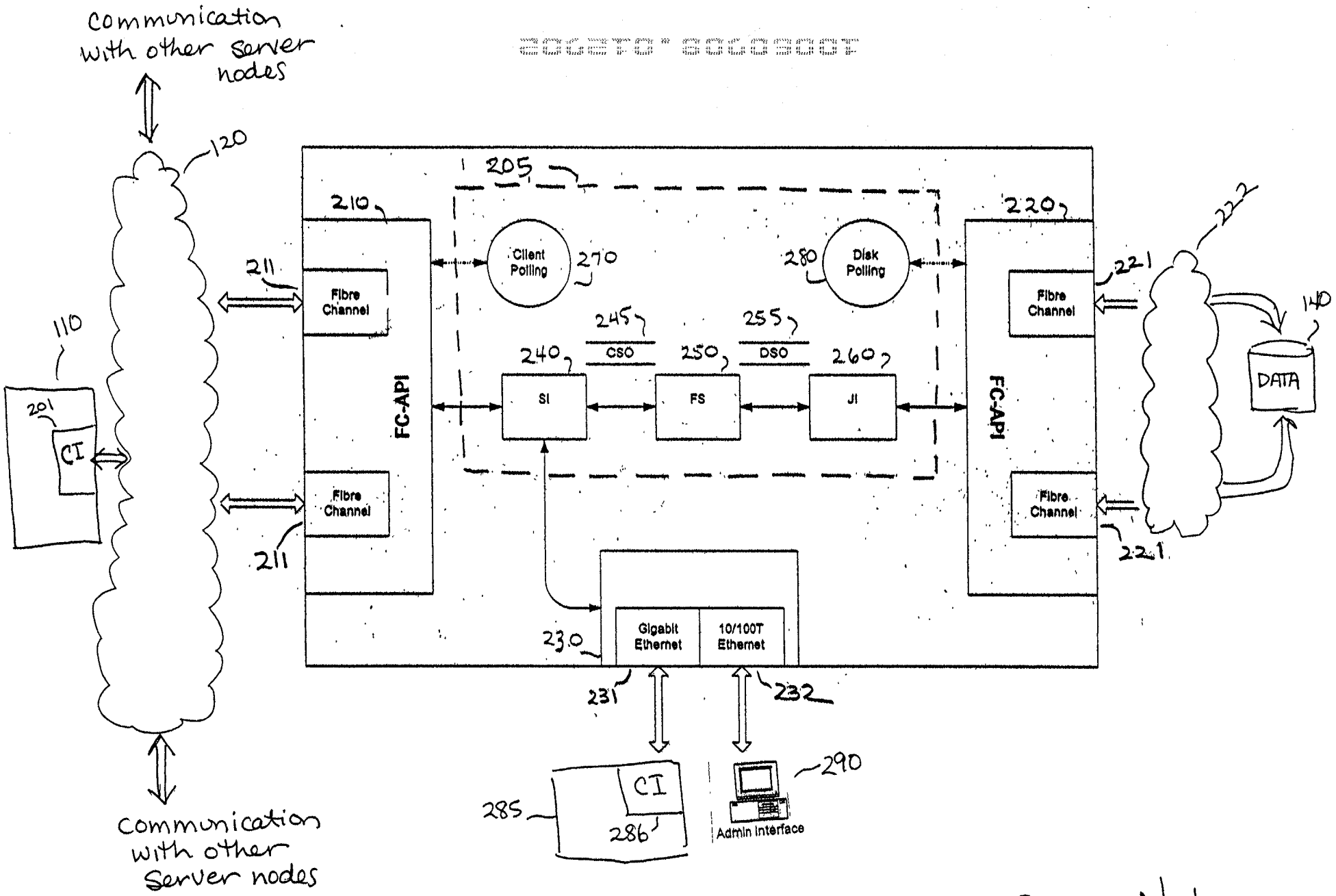


FIGURE 2: One Embodiment of a Server Node

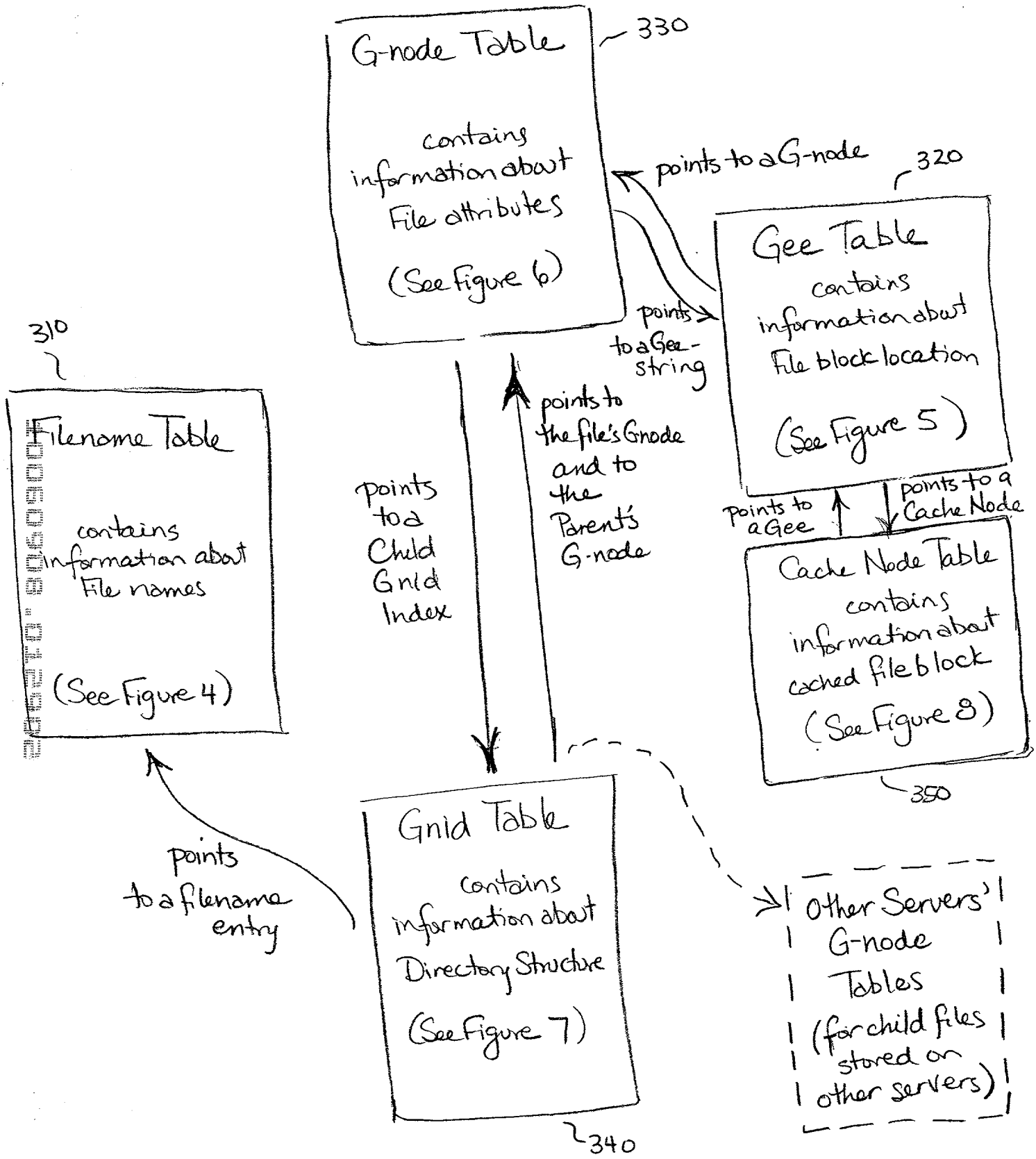


FIGURE 3 - Five metadata structures

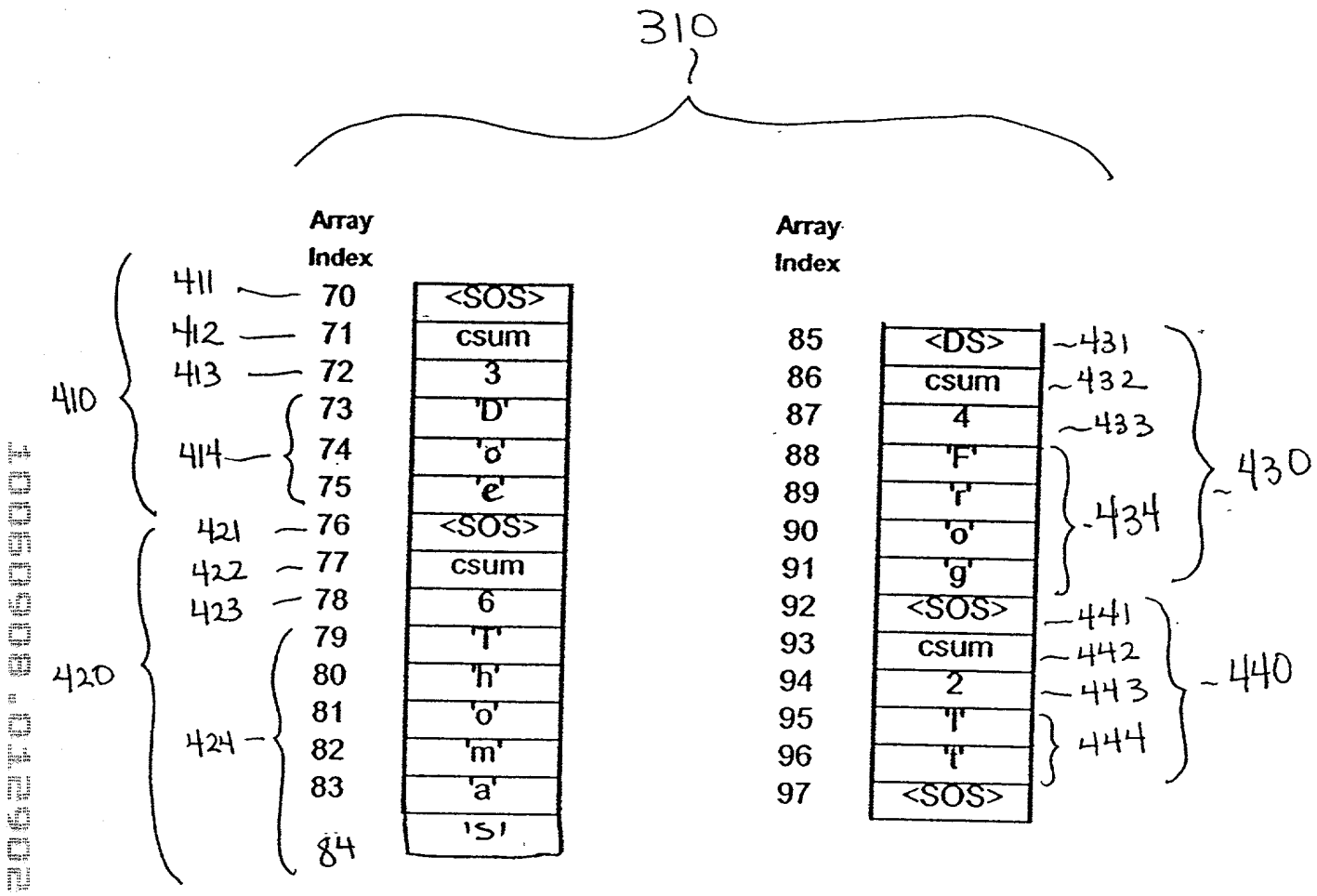


FIGURE 4 - Sample Portion of a Filename Table

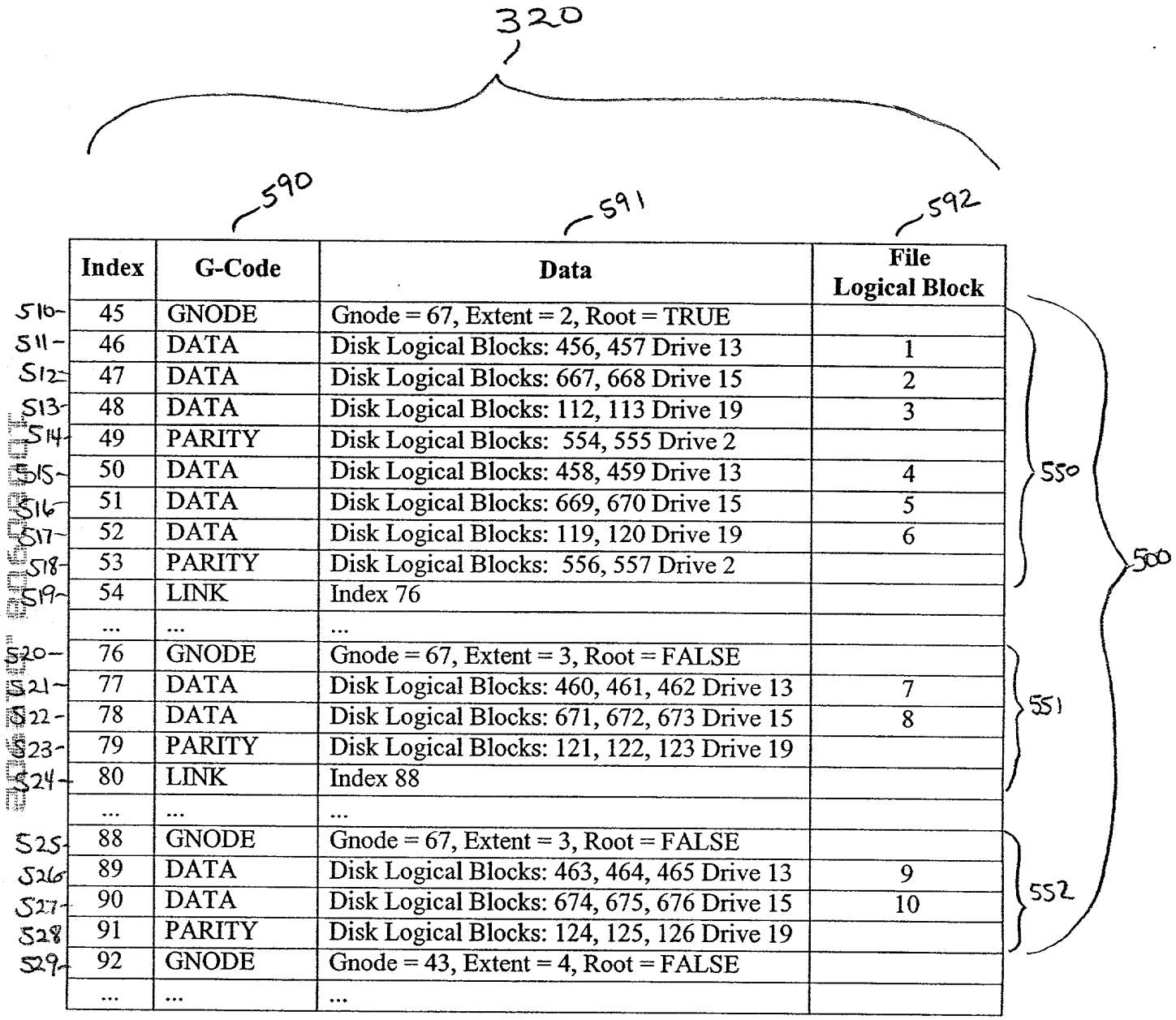


FIGURE 5 - Sample Portion of a Gee Table

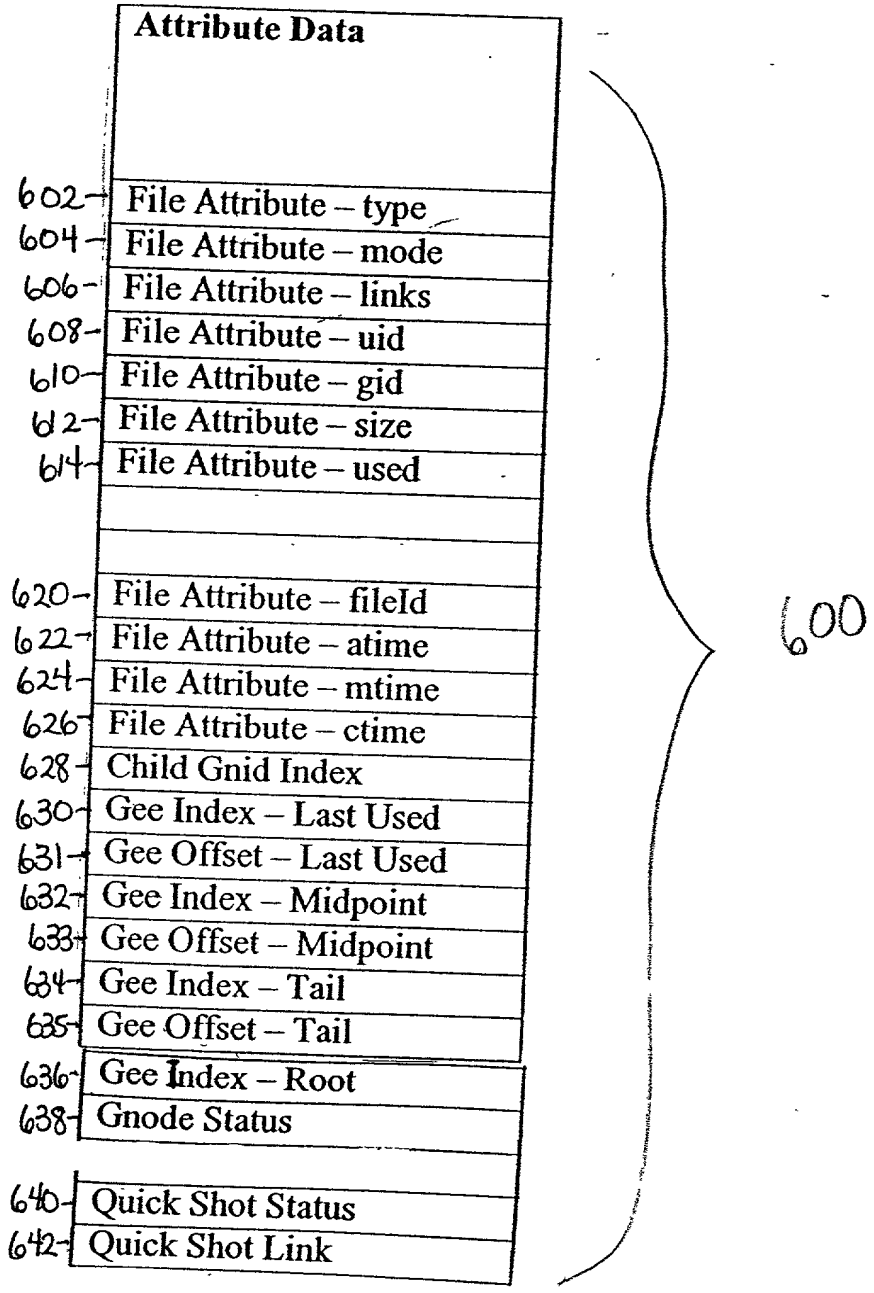


FIGURE 6 - G-NODE ATTRIBUTES

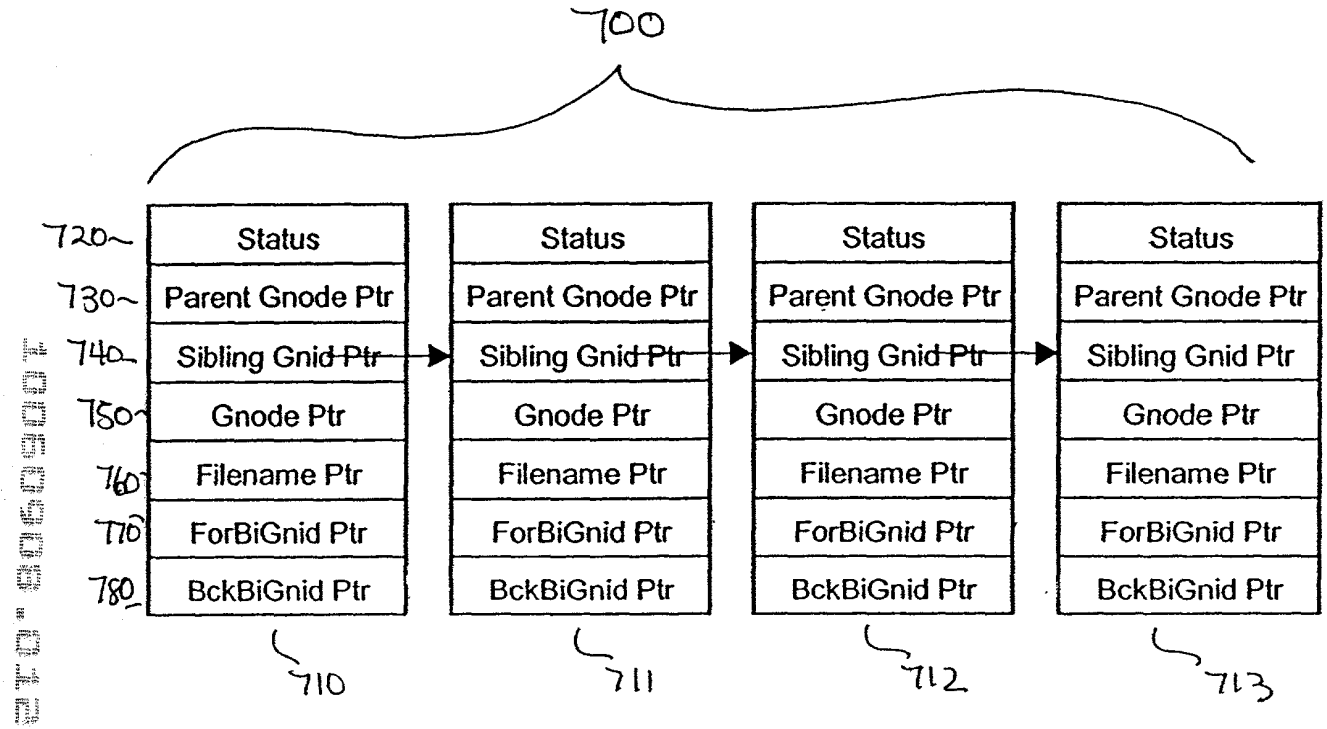


FIGURE 7- Structure of a Gnid String

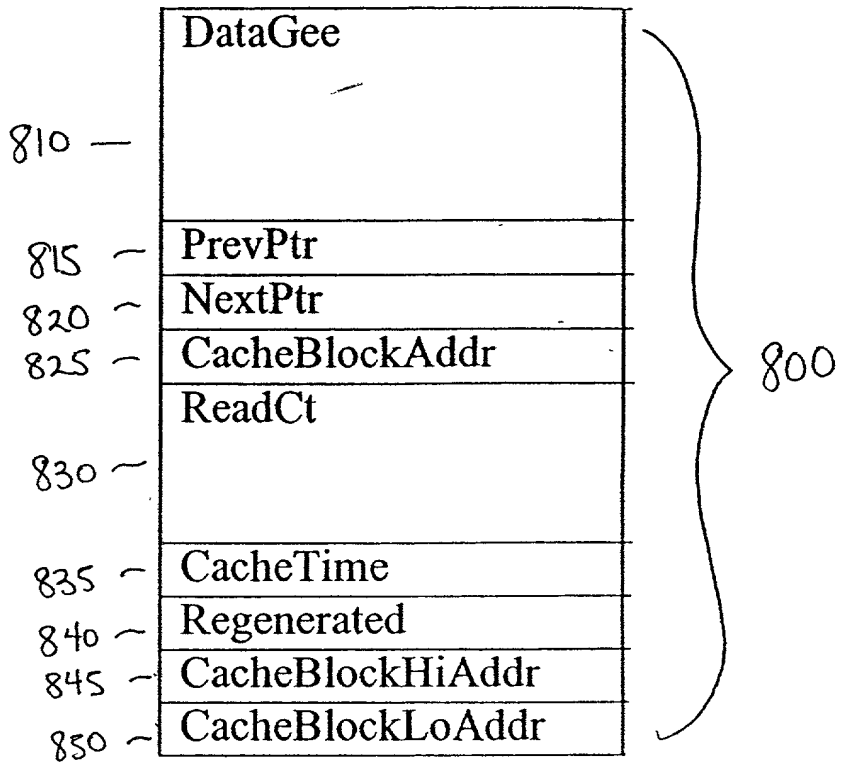


FIGURE 8a - Structure of a Cache Node

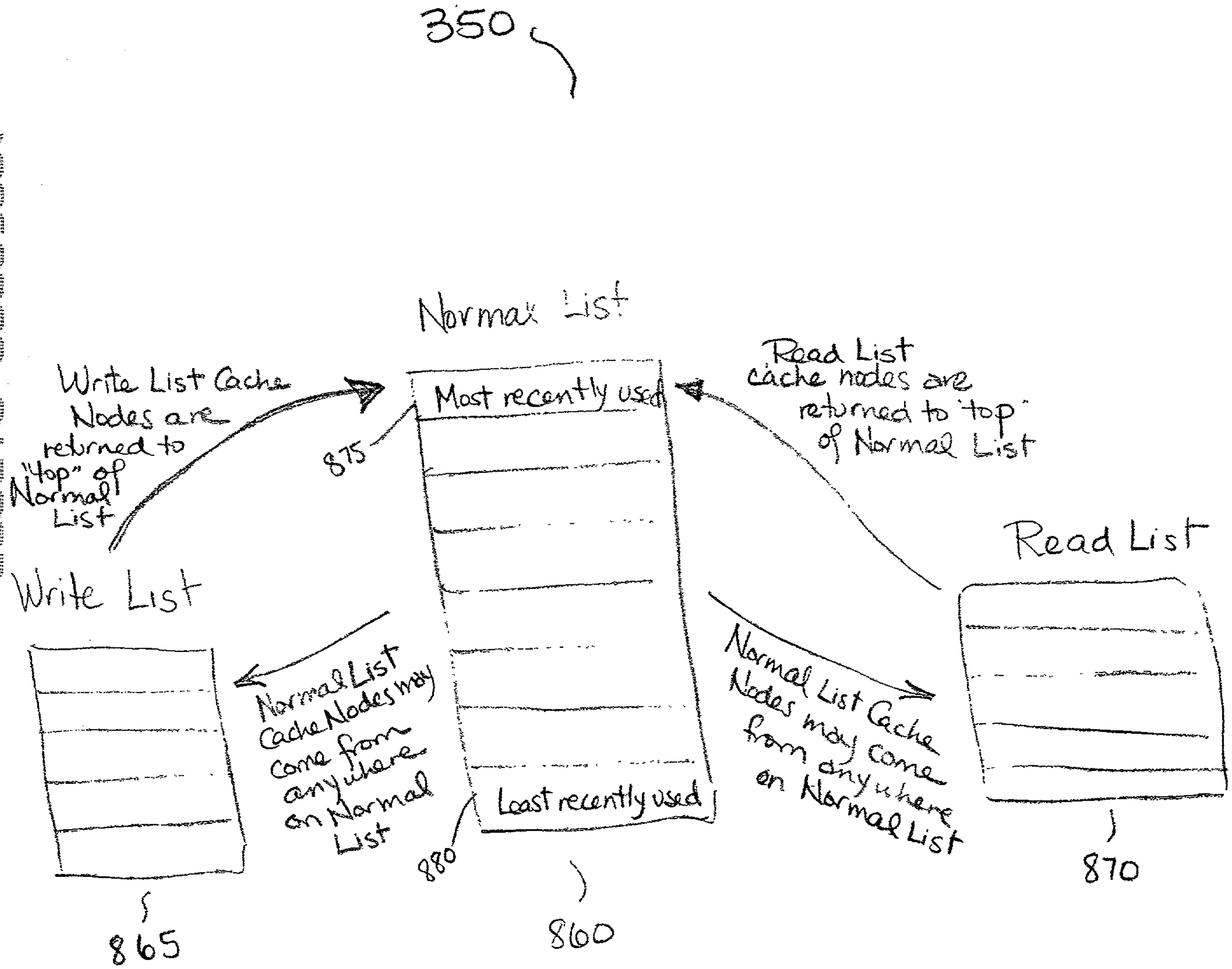


FIGURE 8B - Conceptual division of a Cache Node Table into Three Lists

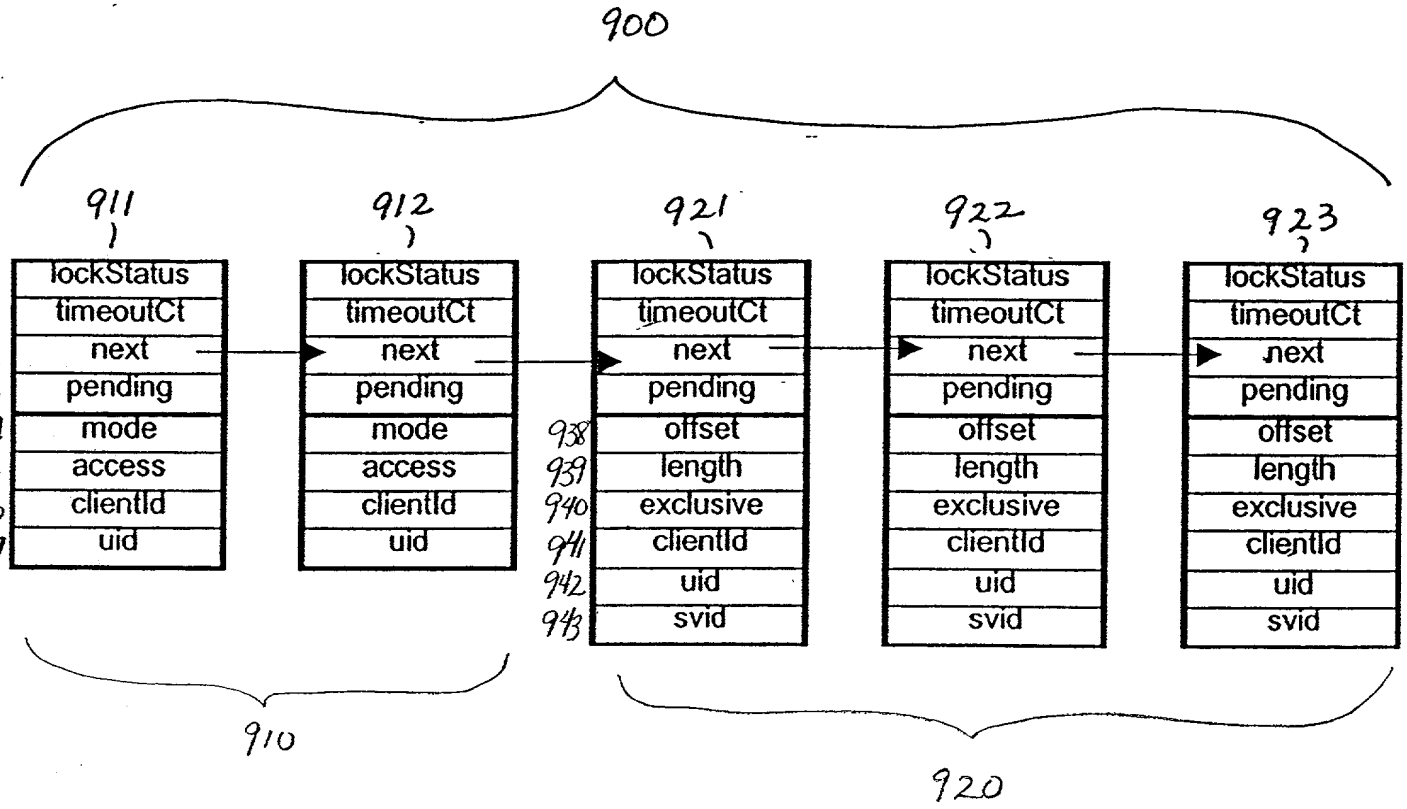


FIGURE 9 - A Sample Lock String

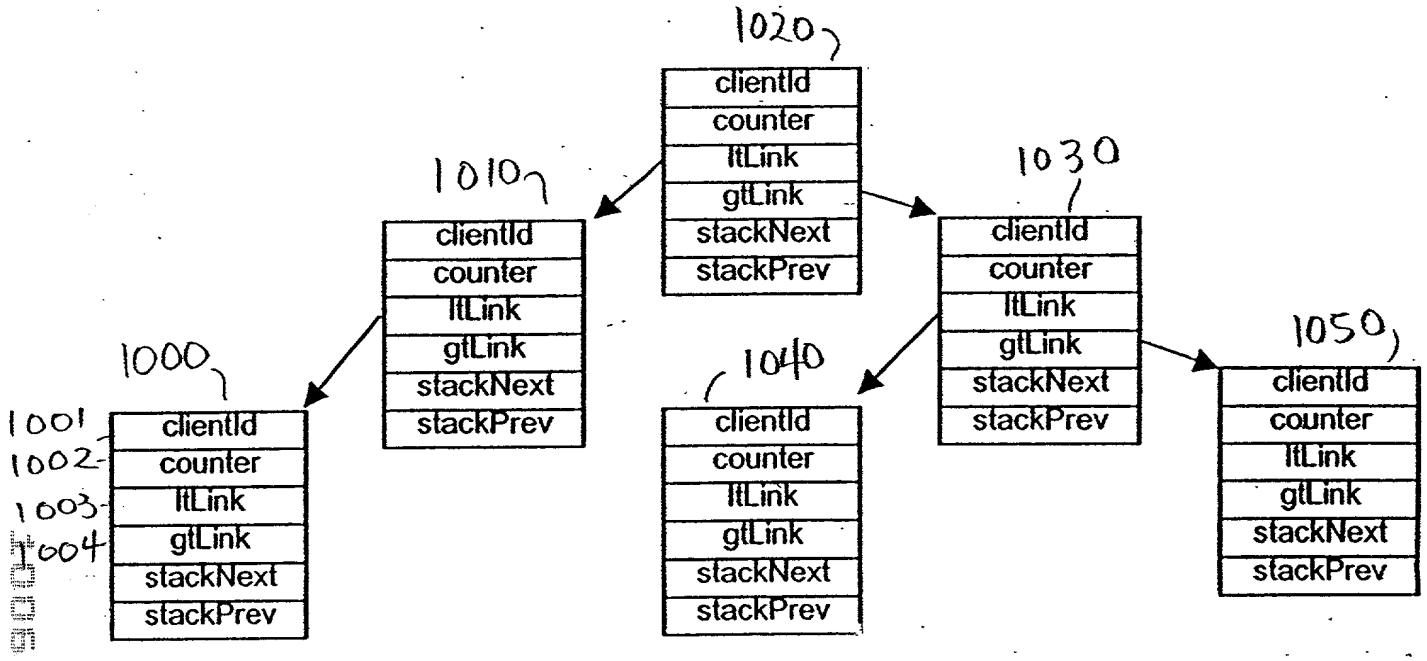


FIGURE 10 - Refresh Nodes configured as a binary tree.

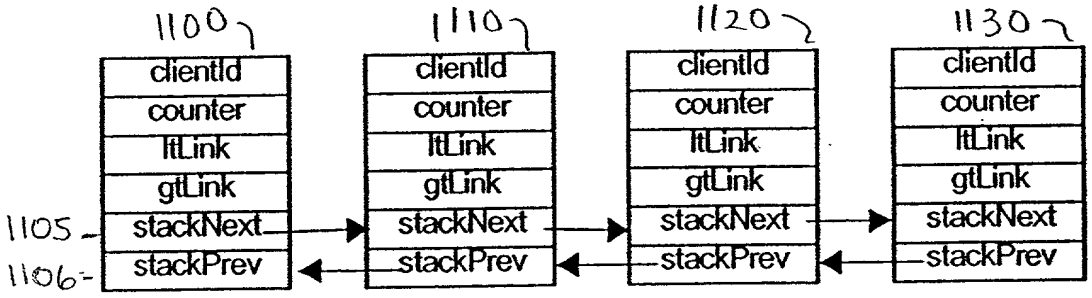


FIGURE 11 - RefreshNodes configured as a doubly-linked list

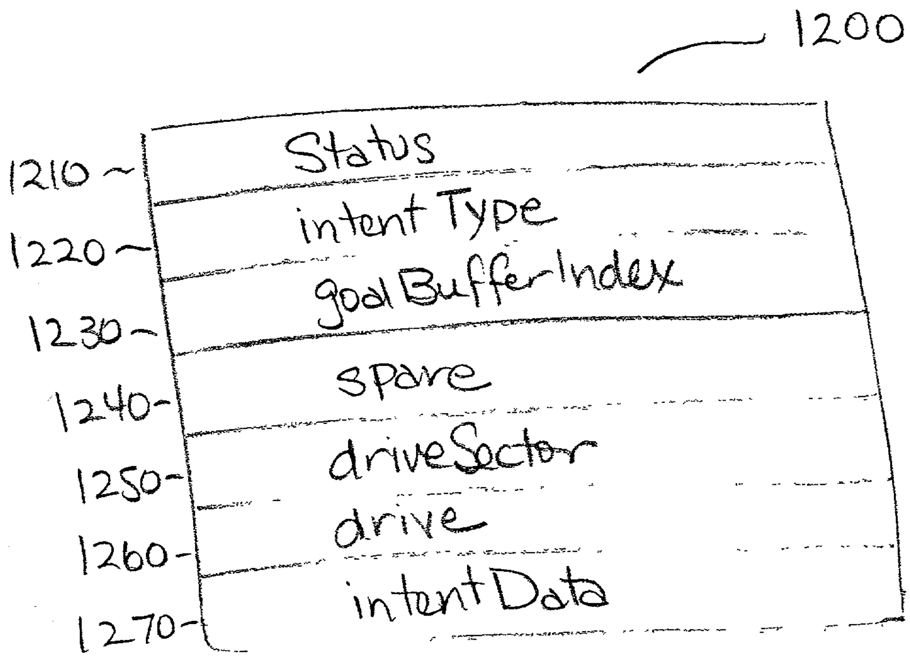


FIGURE 12 - Structure of an Intent Log Entry

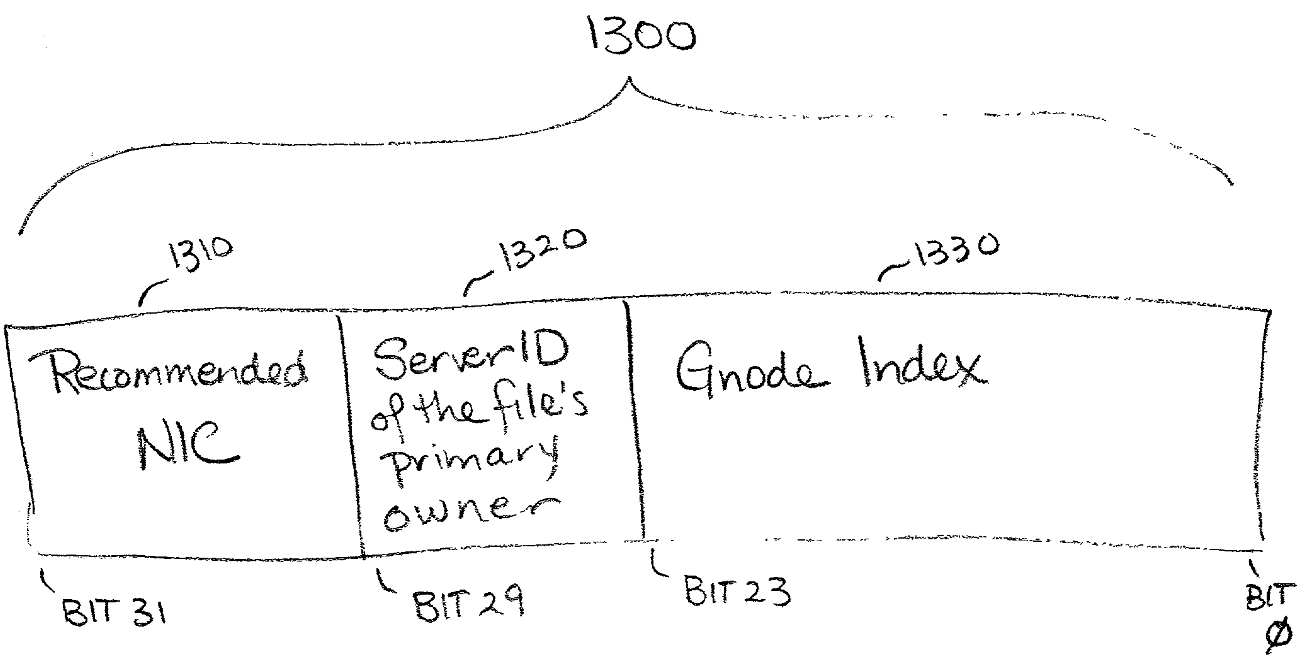


FIGURE 13 - Structure of a File Handle

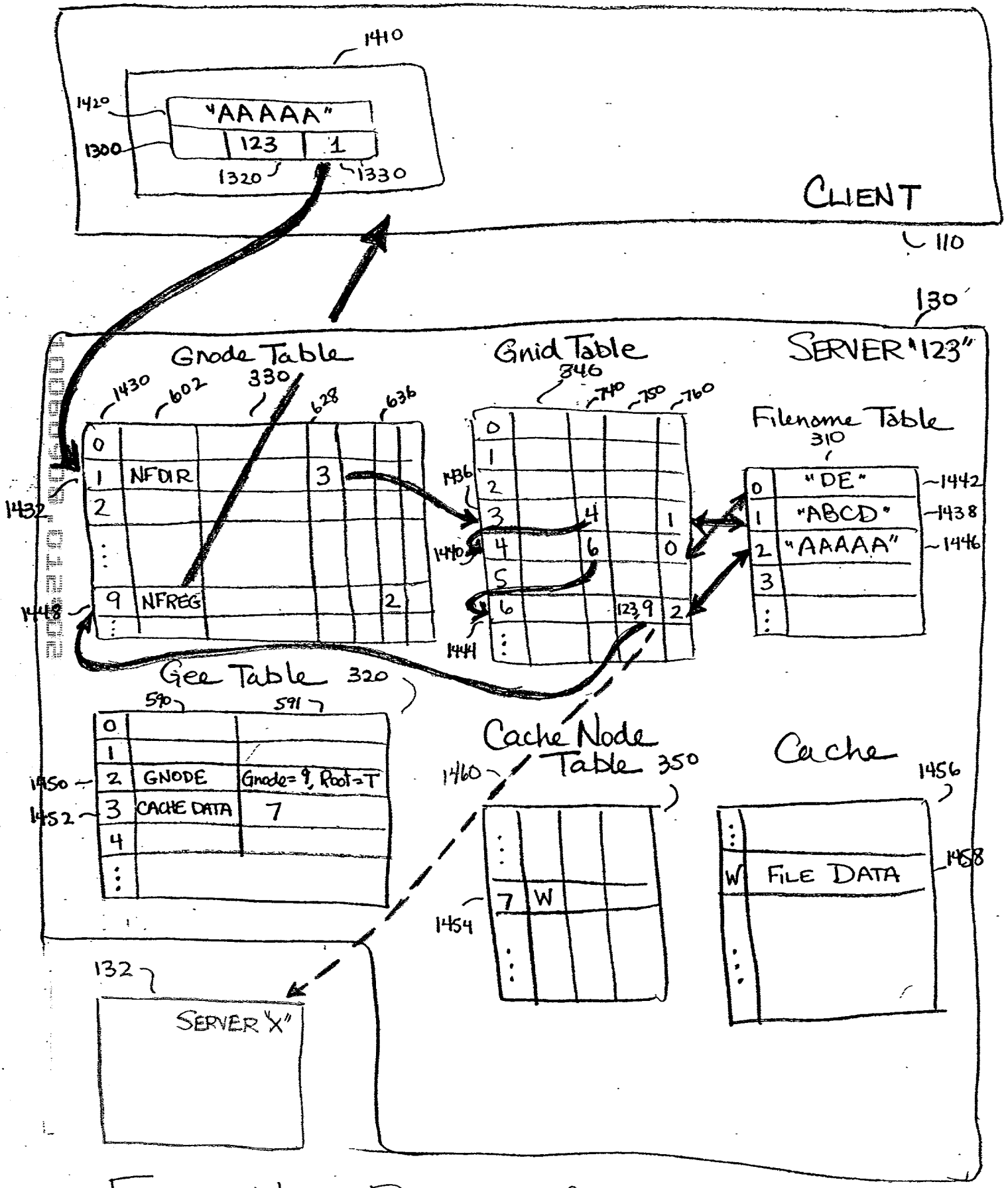


FIGURE 14a: Example of a File Look-Up

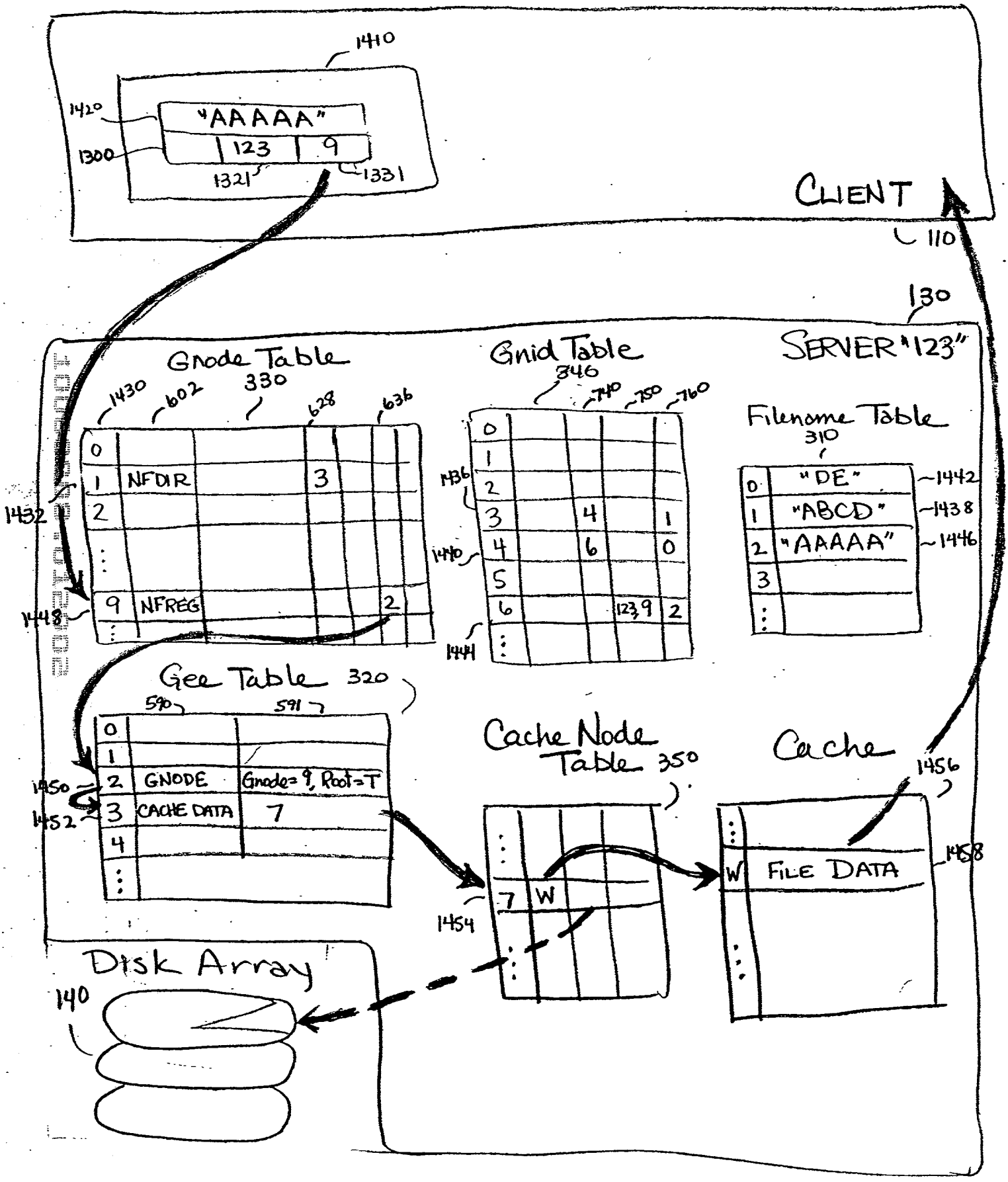


FIGURE 14b Example of a File Access

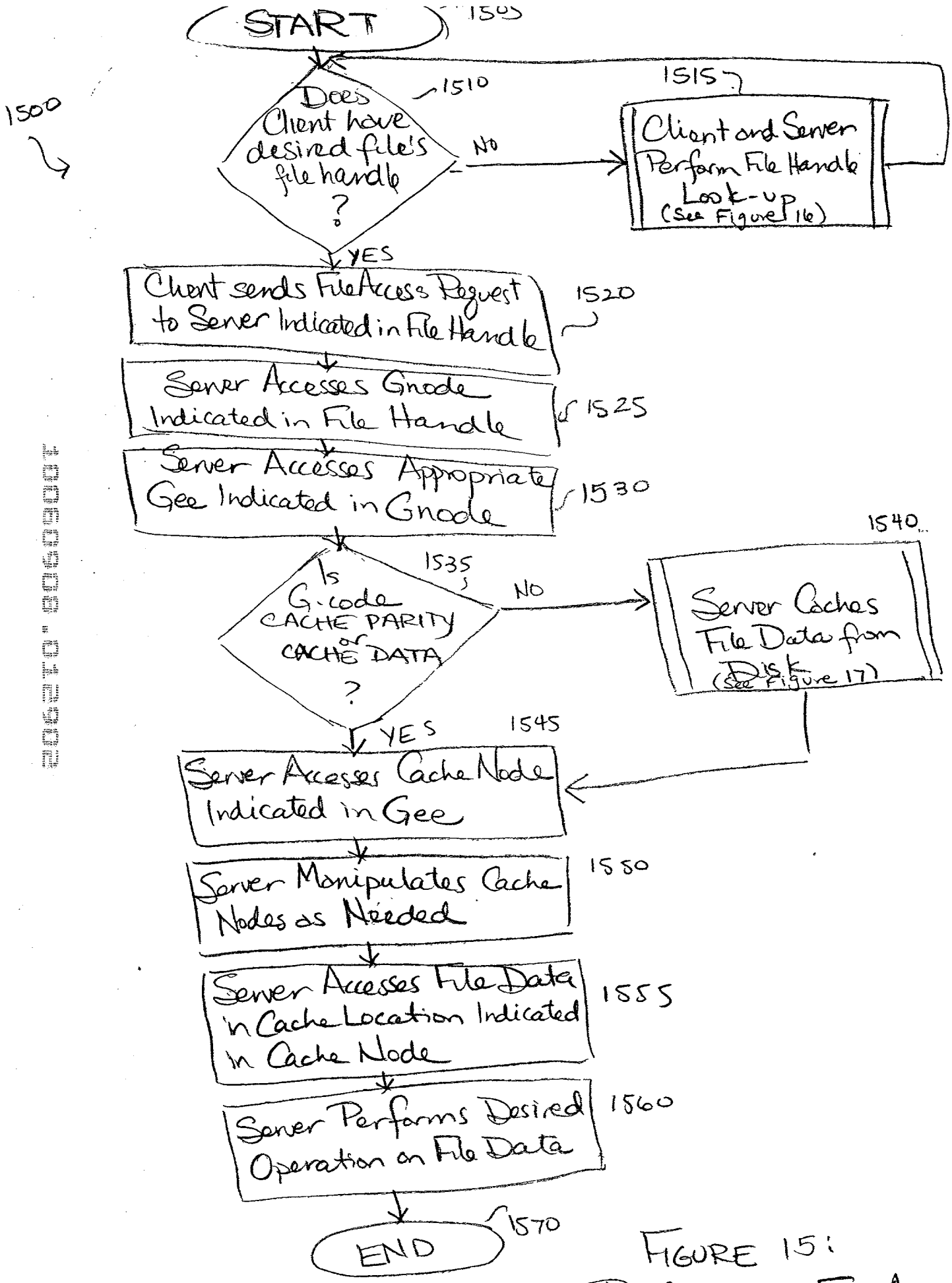


FIGURE 15:
Performing a File Access

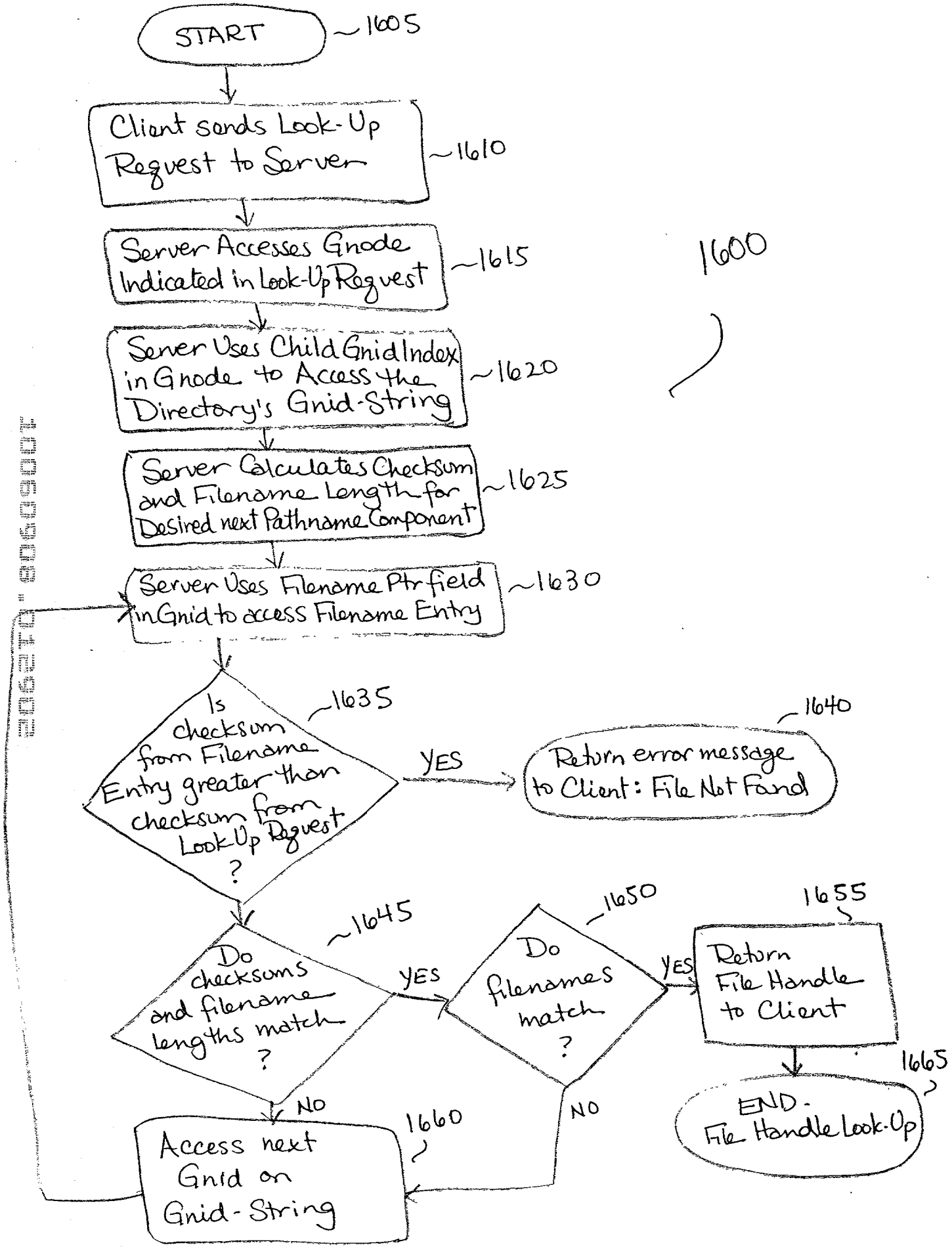


FIGURE 16: Performing a File Handle Look-Up

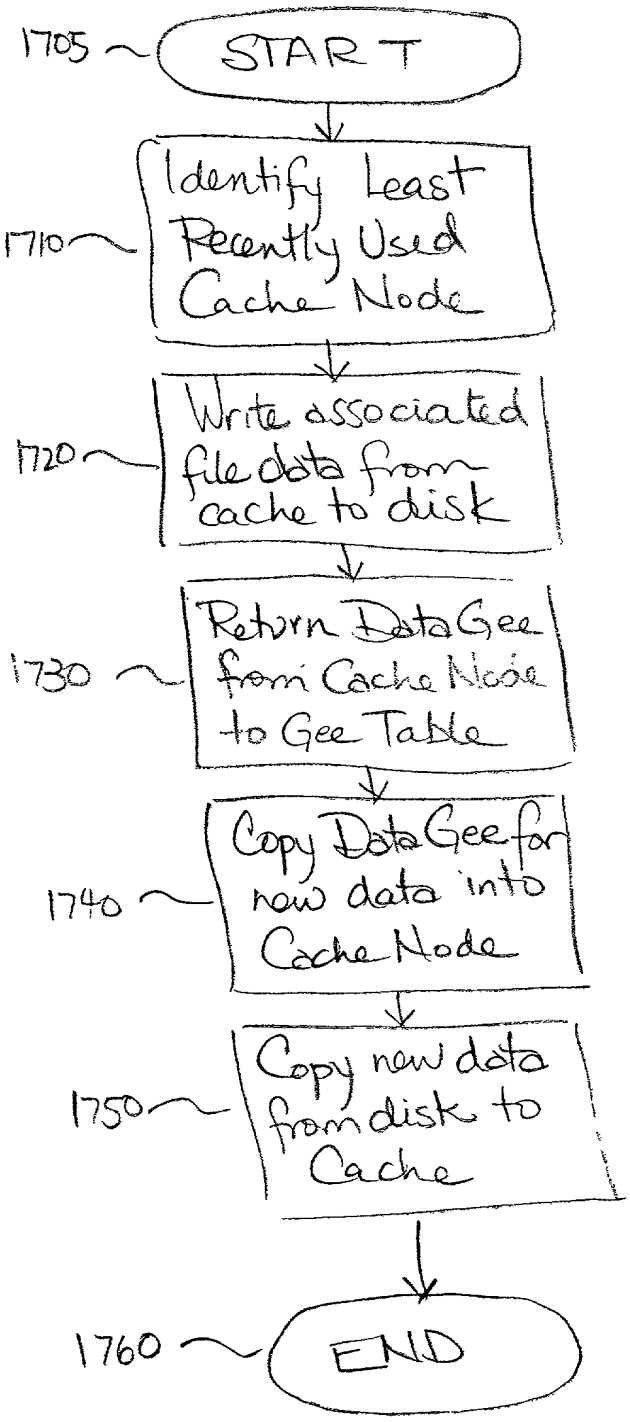


FIGURE 17: Caching File Data

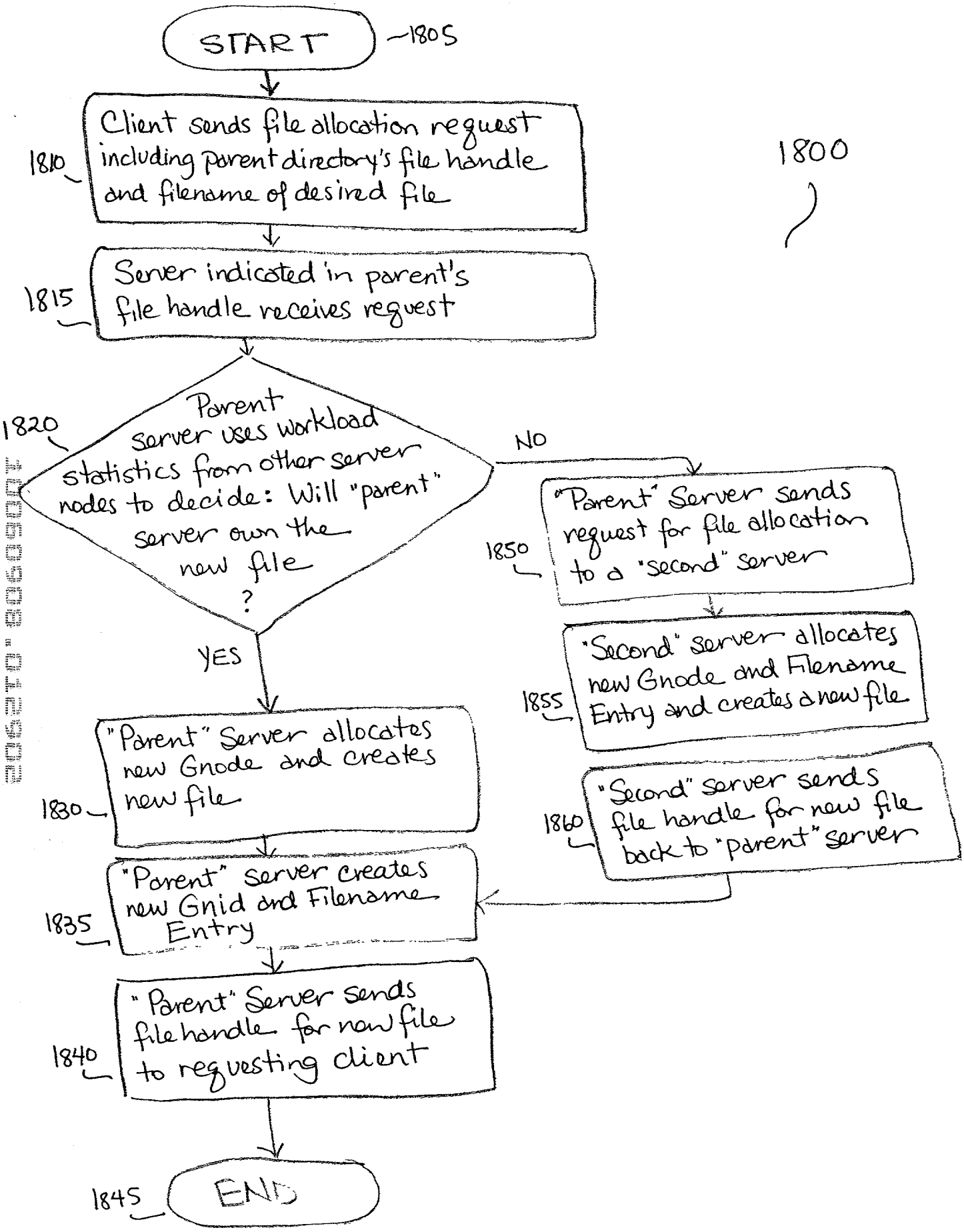
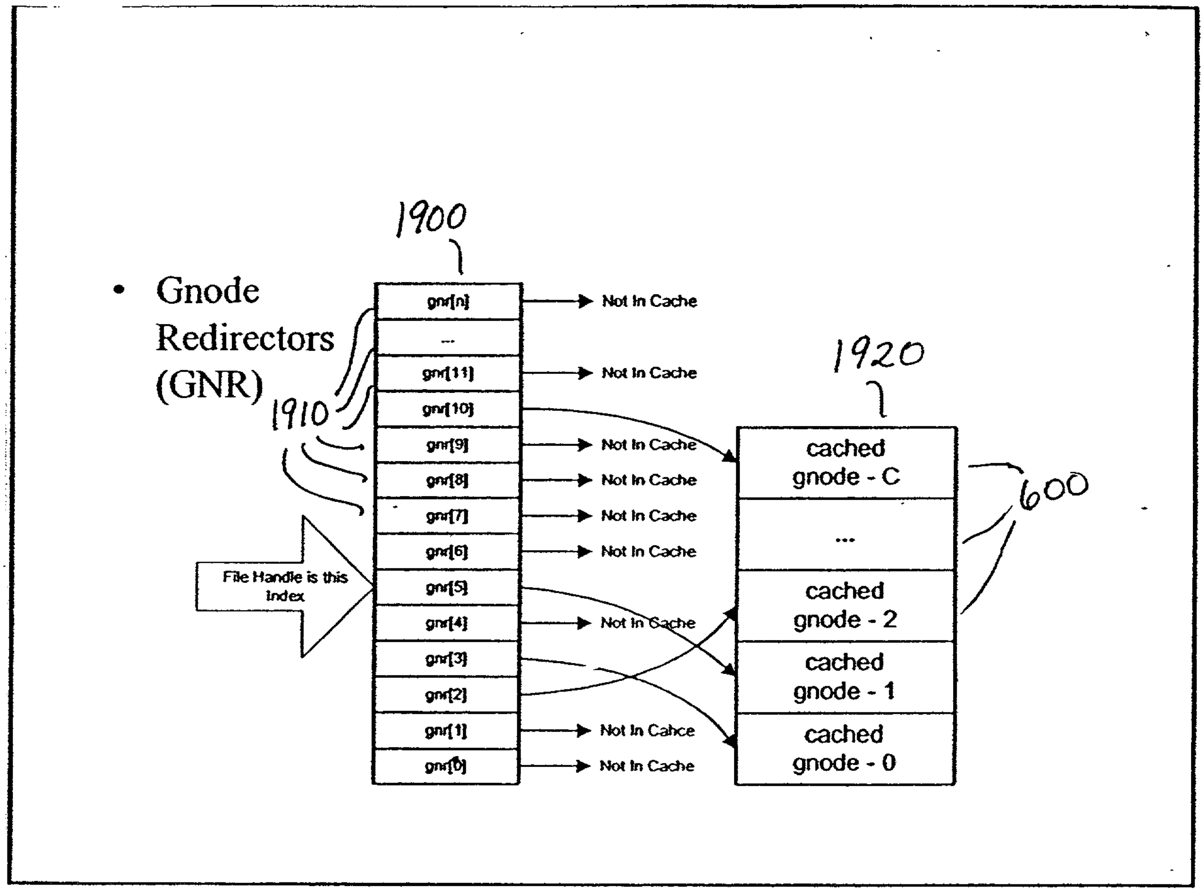


FIGURE 18 - File Allocation



Gnode Redirectors (GNR)
1900
1910
1920
600
gnr[n]
...
gnr[11]
gnr[10]
gnr[9]
gnr[8]
gnr[7]
gnr[6]
gnr[5]
gnr[4]
gnr[3]
gnr[2]
gnr[1]
gnr[0]
Not In Cache
Not In Cahce
File Handle is this Index
cached gnode - C
...
cached gnode - 2
cached gnode - 1
cached gnode - 0

FIGURE 19

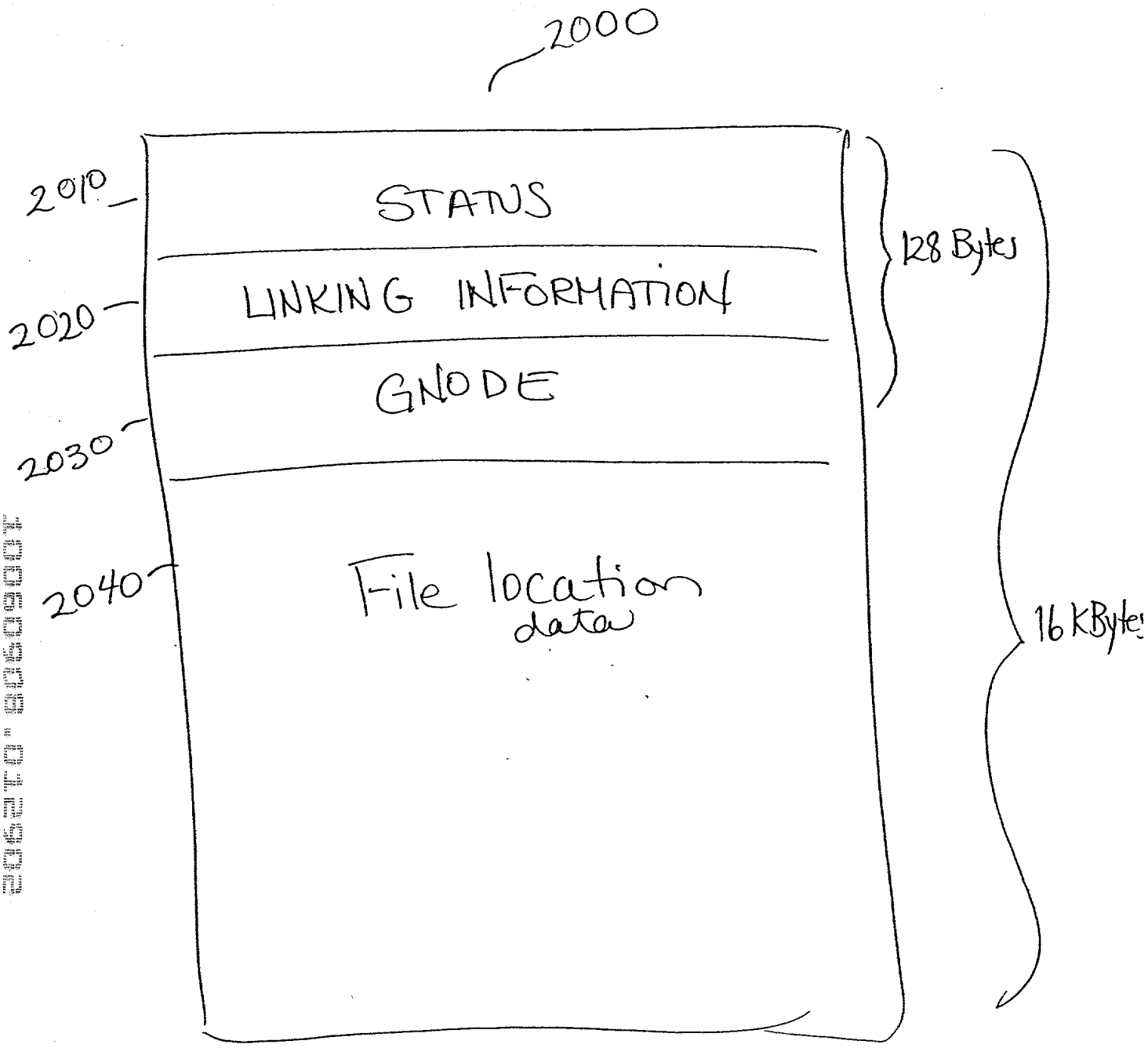

2000
2010
STATUS
2020
LINKING INFORMATION
2030
GNODE
2040
File location data
128 Bytes
16 KBytes

Figure 20a

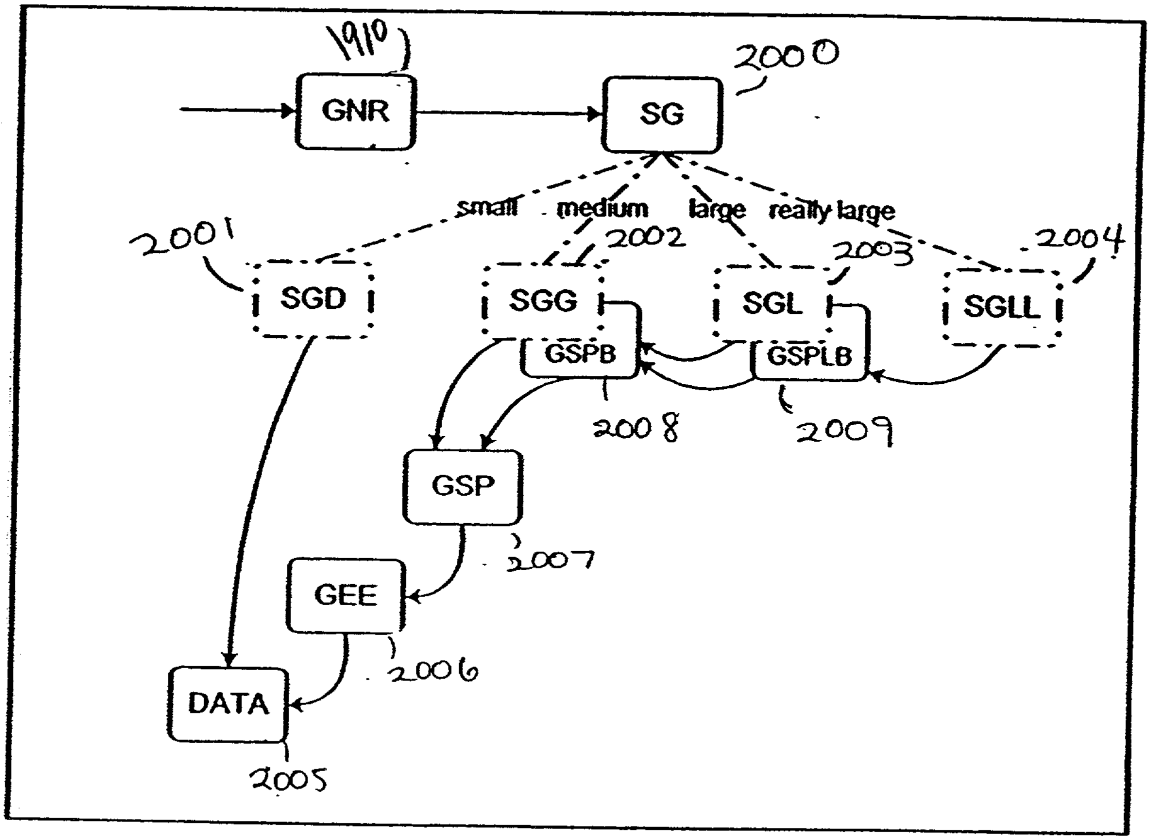

1910
GNR
SG
2000
small
medium
large
really large
2001
2002
2003
2004
SGD
SGG
SGL
SGLL
GSPB
GSPLB
2008
2009
GSP
2007
GEE
2006
DATA
2005

FIGURE 20b

CONVENTIONAL RAID MAPPING
(PRIOR ART)

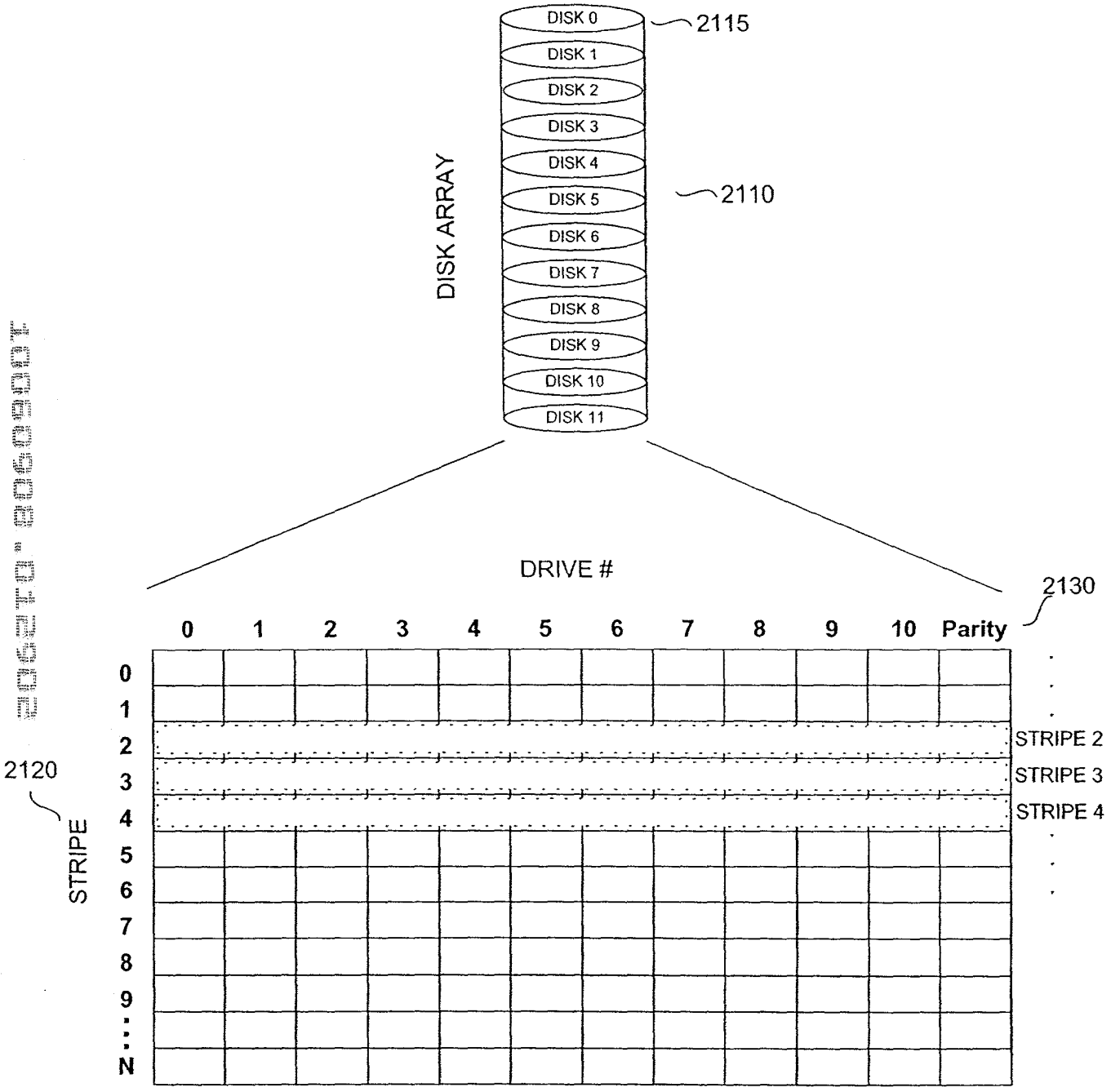


FIGURE 21

FIGURE 22A

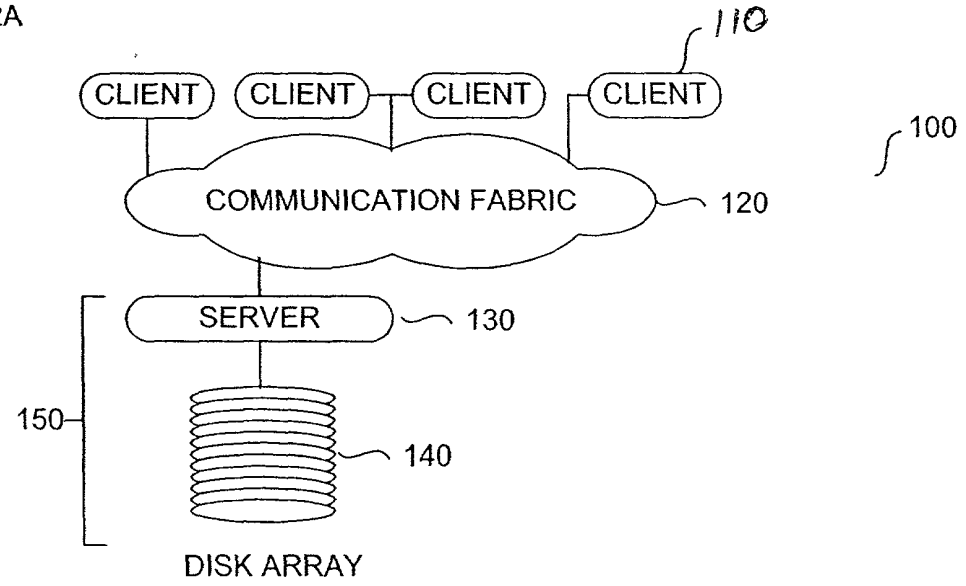


FIGURE 22B

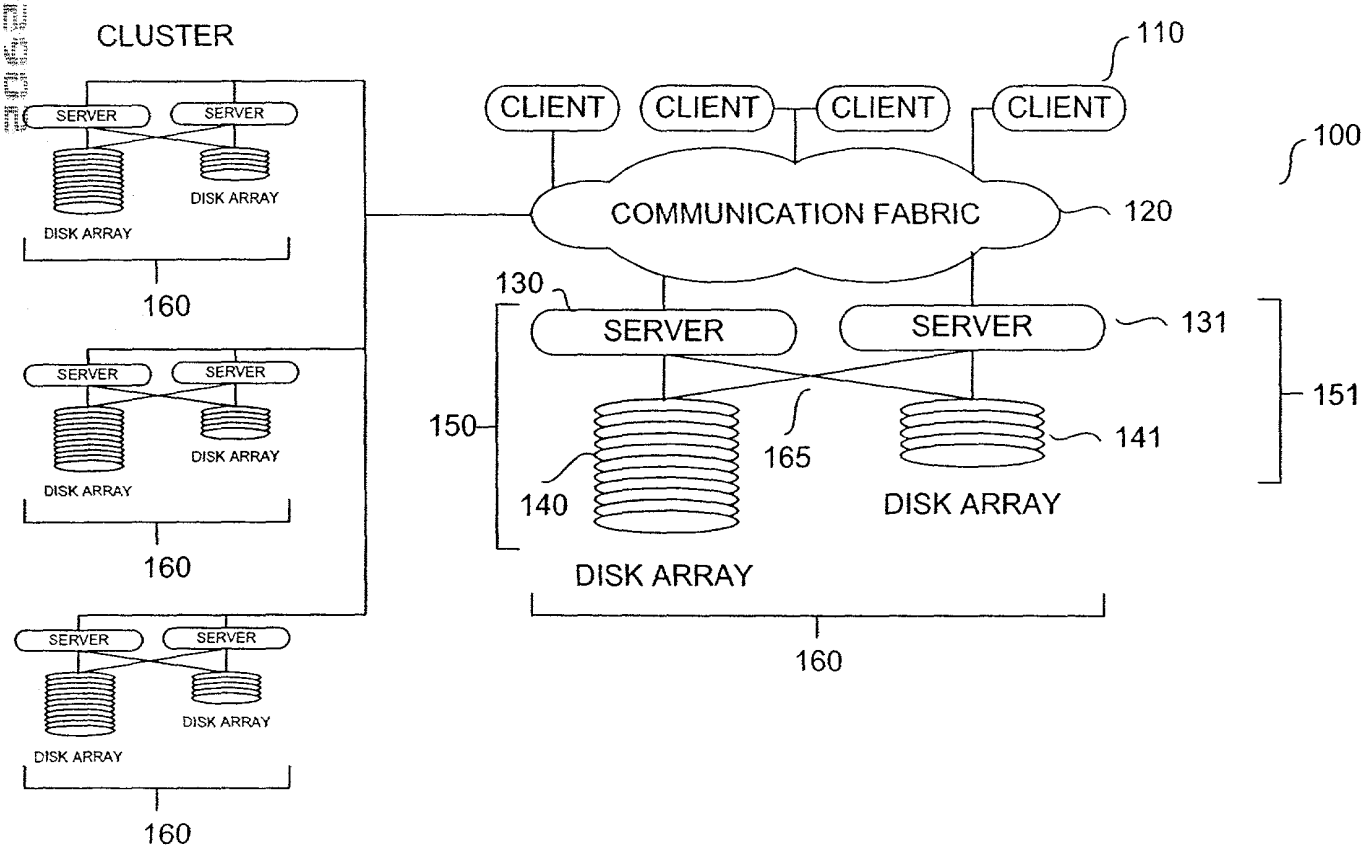


FIGURE 23

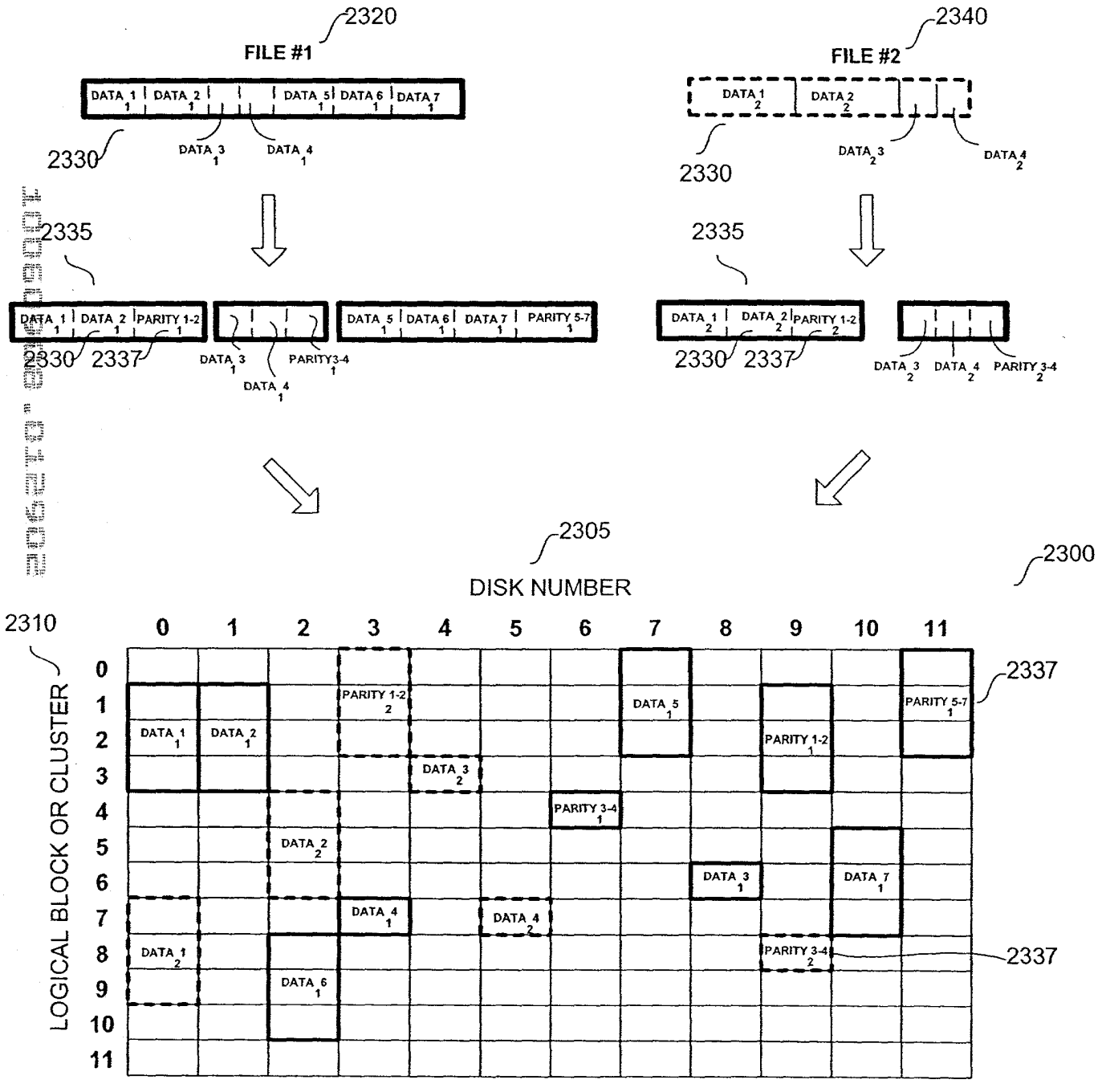

2320
FILE #1
DATA 1 1 | DATA 2 1 | DATA 5 1 | DATA 6 1 | DATA 7 1
2330
DATA 3 1
DATA 4 1
2335
DATA 1 1 | DATA 2 1 | PARITY 1-2 1
2330
2337
DATA 3 1
DATA 4 1
PARITY 3-4 1
DATA 5 1 | DATA 6 1 | DATA 7 1 | PARITY 5-7 1
2340
FILE #2
DATA 1 2 | DATA 2 2
2330
DATA 3 2
DATA 4 2
2335
DATA 1 2 | DATA 2 2 | PARITY 1-2 2
2330
2337
DATA 3 2
DATA 4 2
PARITY 3-4 2
2305
DISK NUMBER
2300
2310
LOGICAL BLOCK OR CLUSTER
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 1
PARITY 1-2 2
DATA 3 2
PARITY 3-4 1
DATA 2 2
DATA 4 1
DATA 4 2
DATA 1 2
DATA 6 1
DATA 5 1
DATA 3 1
DATA 7 1
PARITY 1-2 1
PARITY 5-7 1
PARITY 3-4 2
2337
2337

FIGURE 24A

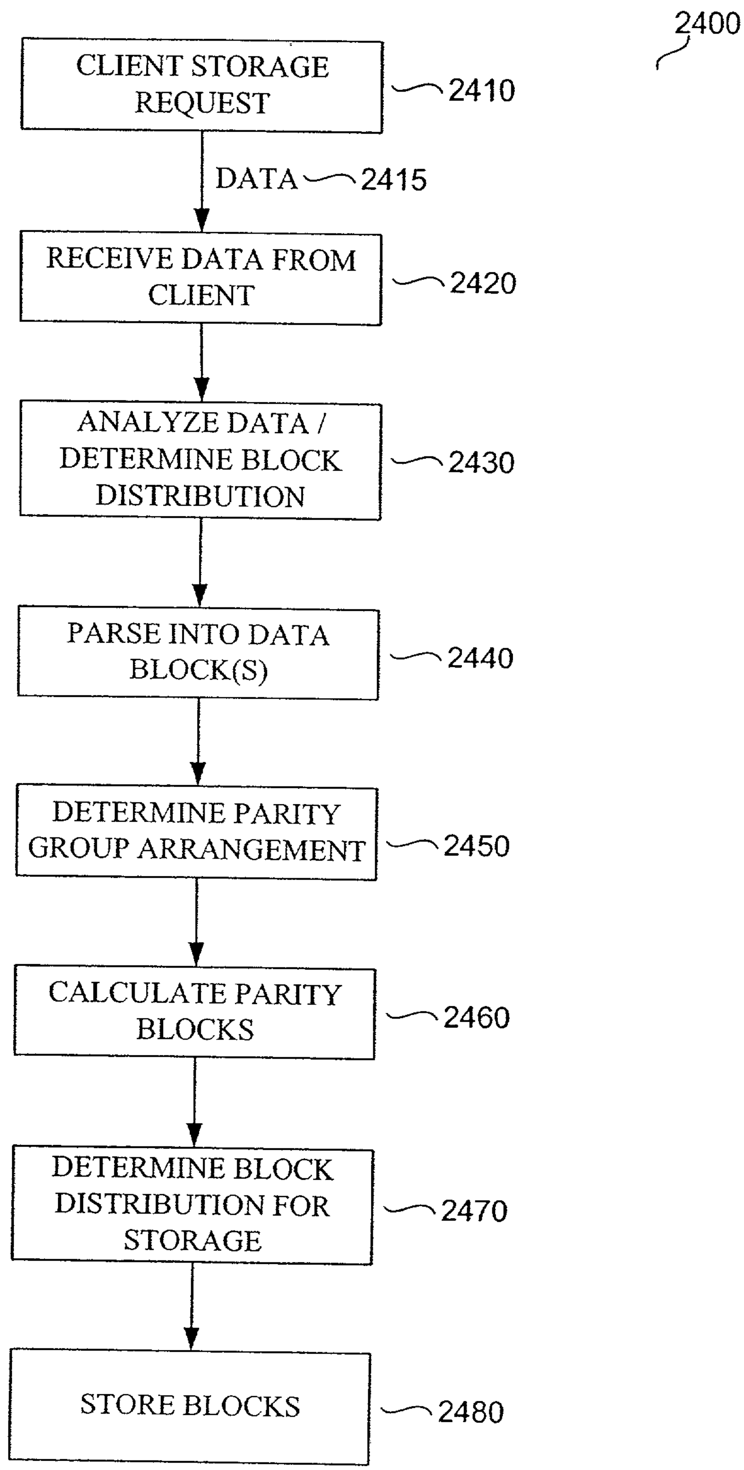

2400
CLIENT STORAGE REQUEST
2410
DATA
2415
RECEIVE DATA FROM CLIENT
2420
ANALYZE DATA / DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION
2430
PARSE INTO DATA BLOCK(S)
2440
DETERMINE PARITY GROUP ARRANGEMENT
2450
CALCULATE PARITY BLOCKS
2460
DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION FOR STORAGE
2470
STORE BLOCKS
2480

FIGURE 24B

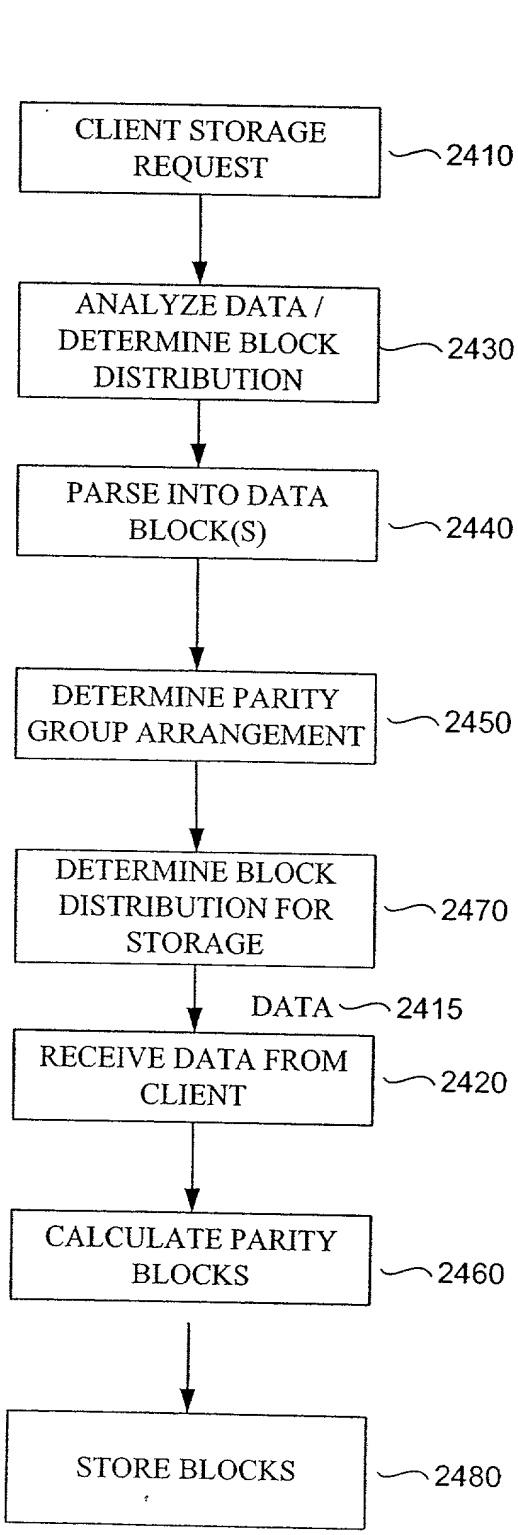

2405
CLIENT STORAGE REQUEST
2410
ANALYZE DATA / DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION
2430
PARSE INTO DATA BLOCK(S)
2440
DETERMINE PARITY GROUP ARRANGEMENT
2450
DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION FOR STORAGE
2470
DATA
2415
RECEIVE DATA FROM CLIENT
2420
CALCULATE PARITY BLOCKS
2460
STORE BLOCKS
2480

FIGURE 25

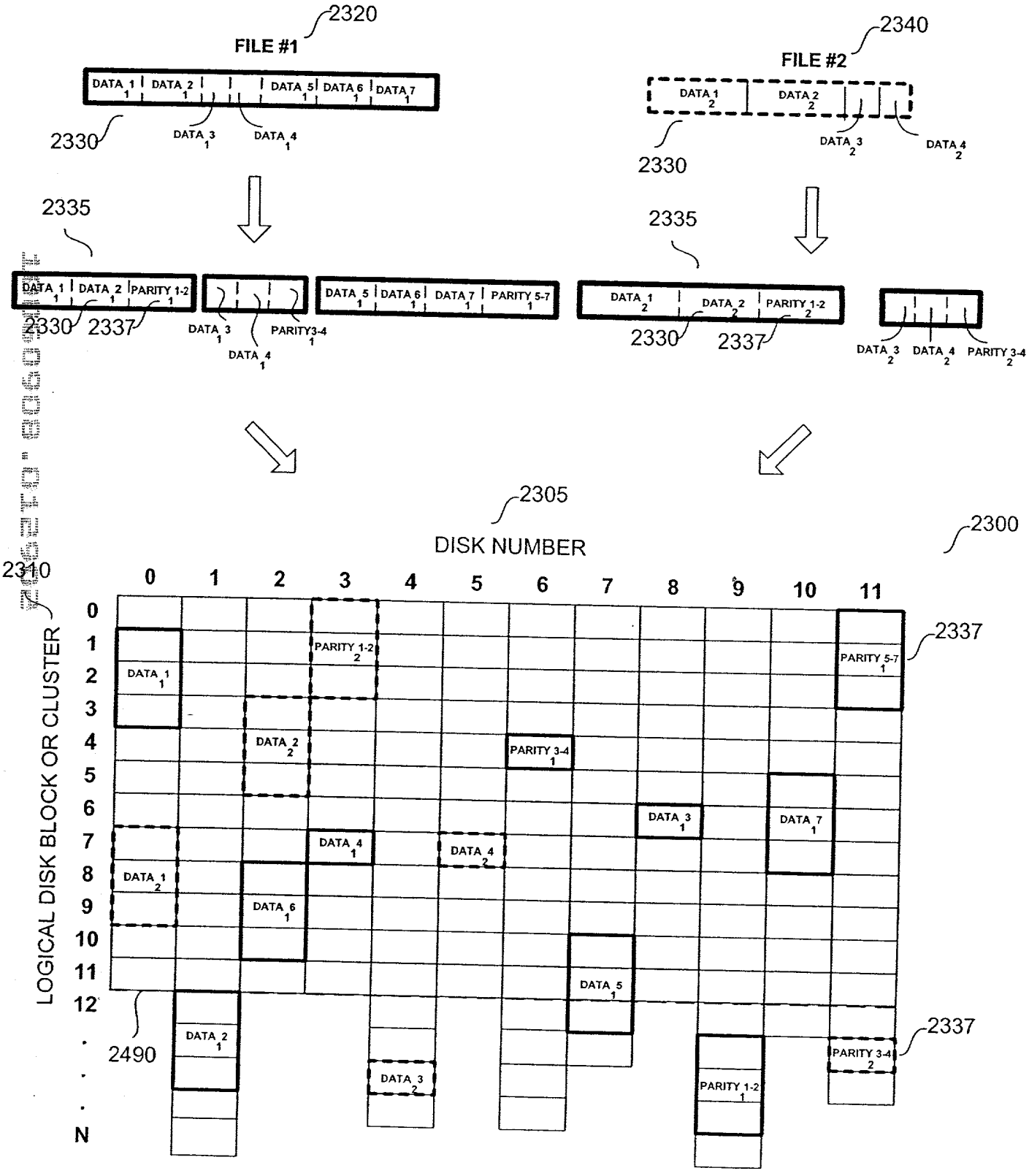

2320
FILE #1
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 1
DATA 5 1
DATA 6 1
DATA 7 1
2330
DATA 3 1
DATA 4 1
2340
FILE #2
DATA 1 2
DATA 2 2
DATA 3 2
DATA 4 2
2330
2335
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 1
PARITY 1-2 1
2330
2337
DATA 3 1
DATA 4 1
PARITY3-4 1
DATA 5 1
DATA 6 1
DATA 7 1
PARITY 5-7 1
2335
DATA 1 2
DATA 2 2
PARITY 1-2 2
2330
2337
DATA 3 2
DATA 4 2
PARITY 3-4 2
2305
DISK NUMBER
2300
2310
LOGICAL DISK BLOCK OR CLUSTER
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
N
PARITY 1-2 2
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 2
PARITY 3-4 1
DATA 3 1
DATA 7 1
DATA 4 1
DATA 4 2
DATA 1 2
DATA 6 1
DATA 5 1
DATA 2 1
DATA 3 2
PARITY 1-2 1
PARITY 5-7 1
2337
2337
2490
PARITY 3-4 2

FIGURE 26A

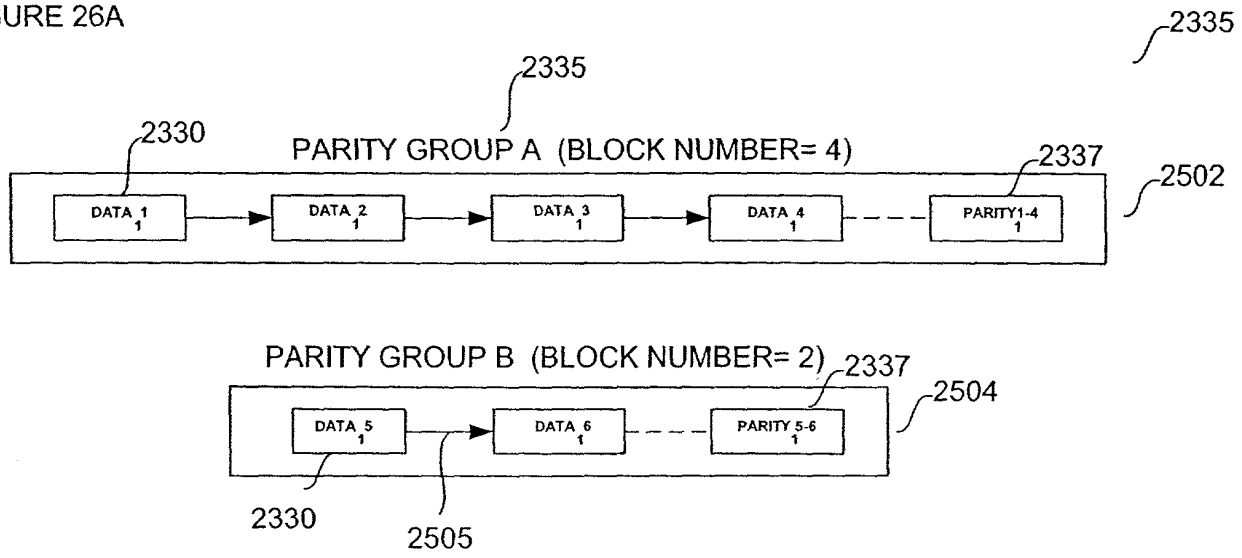
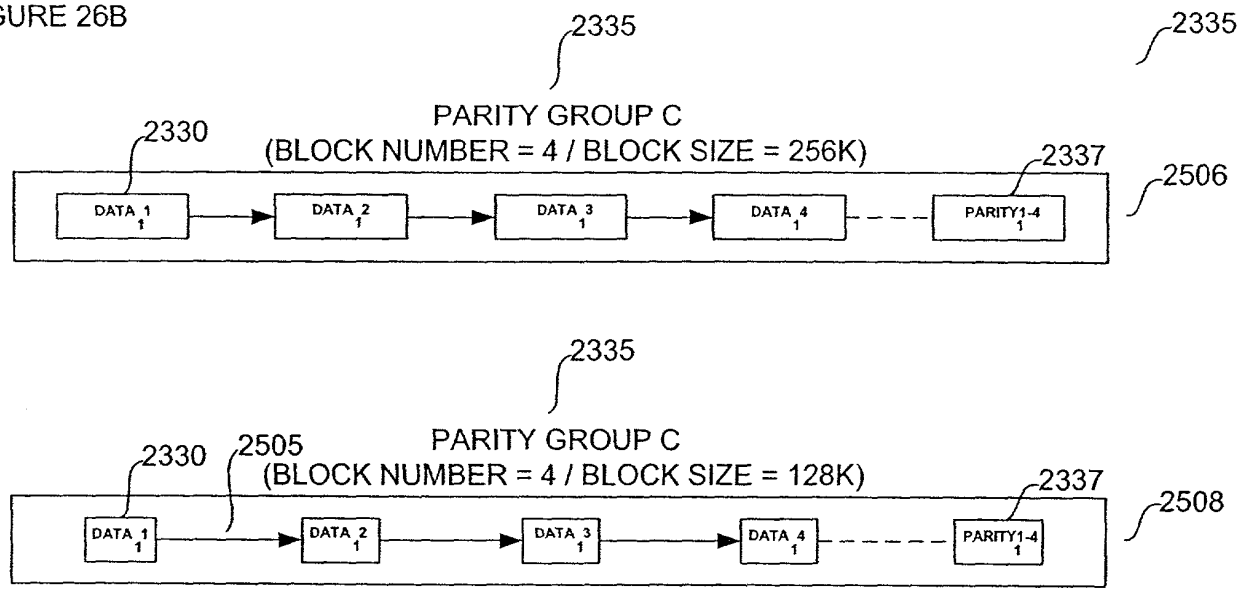


FIGURE 26B



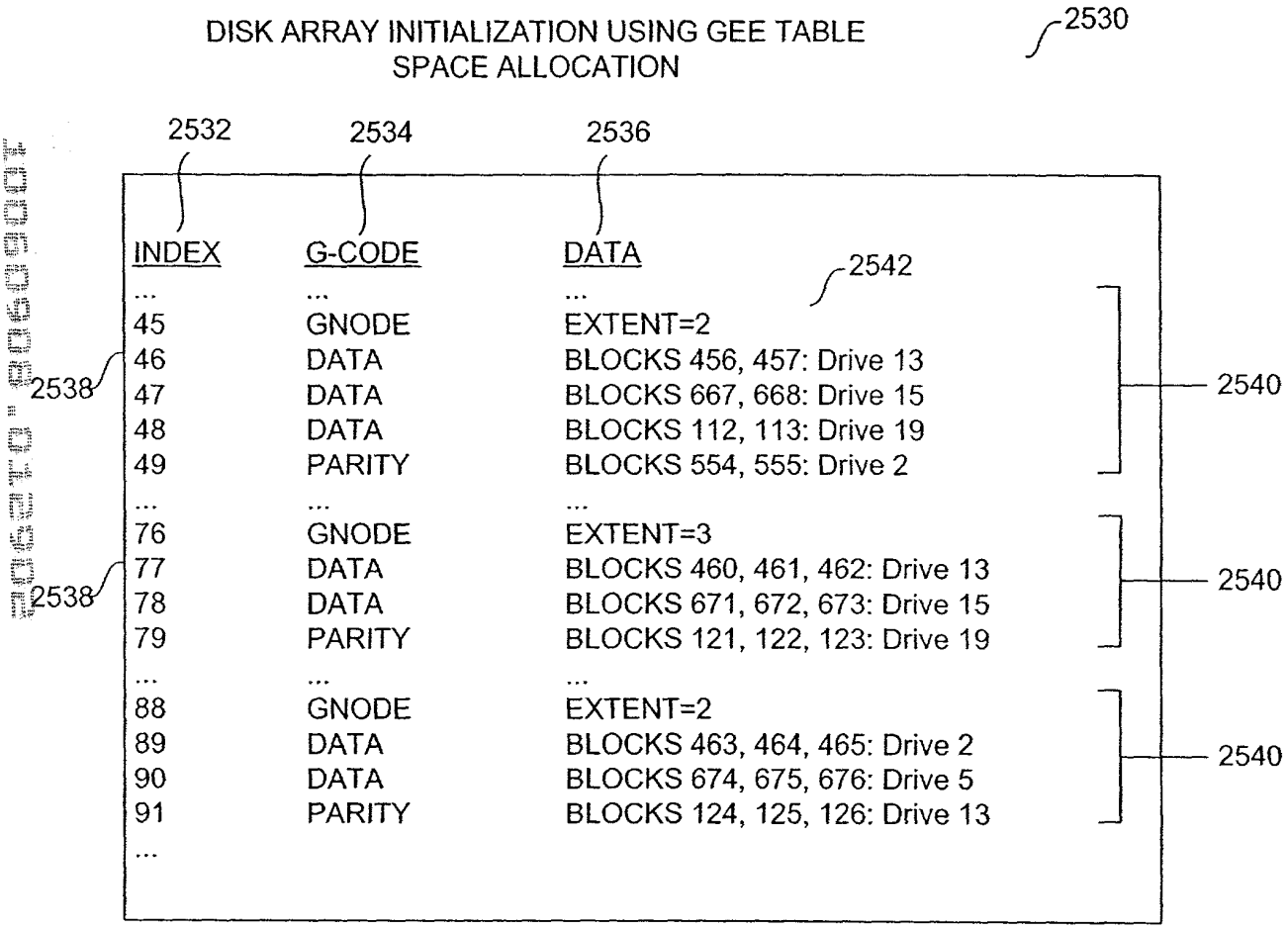

DISK ARRAY INITIALIZATION USING GEE TABLE SPACE ALLOCATION
2530
2532
2534
2536
INDEX
G-CODE
DATA
2542
...
45 GNODE EXTENT=2
46 DATA BLOCKS 456, 457: Drive 13
47 DATA BLOCKS 667, 668: Drive 15
48 DATA BLOCKS 112, 113: Drive 19
49 PARITY BLOCKS 554, 555: Drive 2
...
76 GNODE EXTENT=3
77 DATA BLOCKS 460, 461, 462: Drive 13
78 DATA BLOCKS 671, 672, 673: Drive 15
79 PARITY BLOCKS 121, 122, 123: Drive 19
...
88 GNODE EXTENT=2
89 DATA BLOCKS 463, 464, 465: Drive 2
90 DATA BLOCKS 674, 675, 676: Drive 5
91 PARITY BLOCKS 124, 125, 126: Drive 13
...
2538
2538
2540
2540
2540

FIGURE 27

ARRAY PREPARATION / G-TABLE FORMATTING

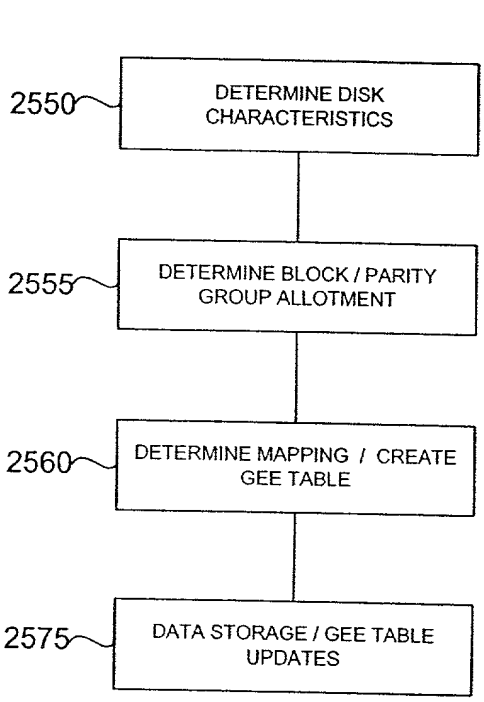


FIGURE 28

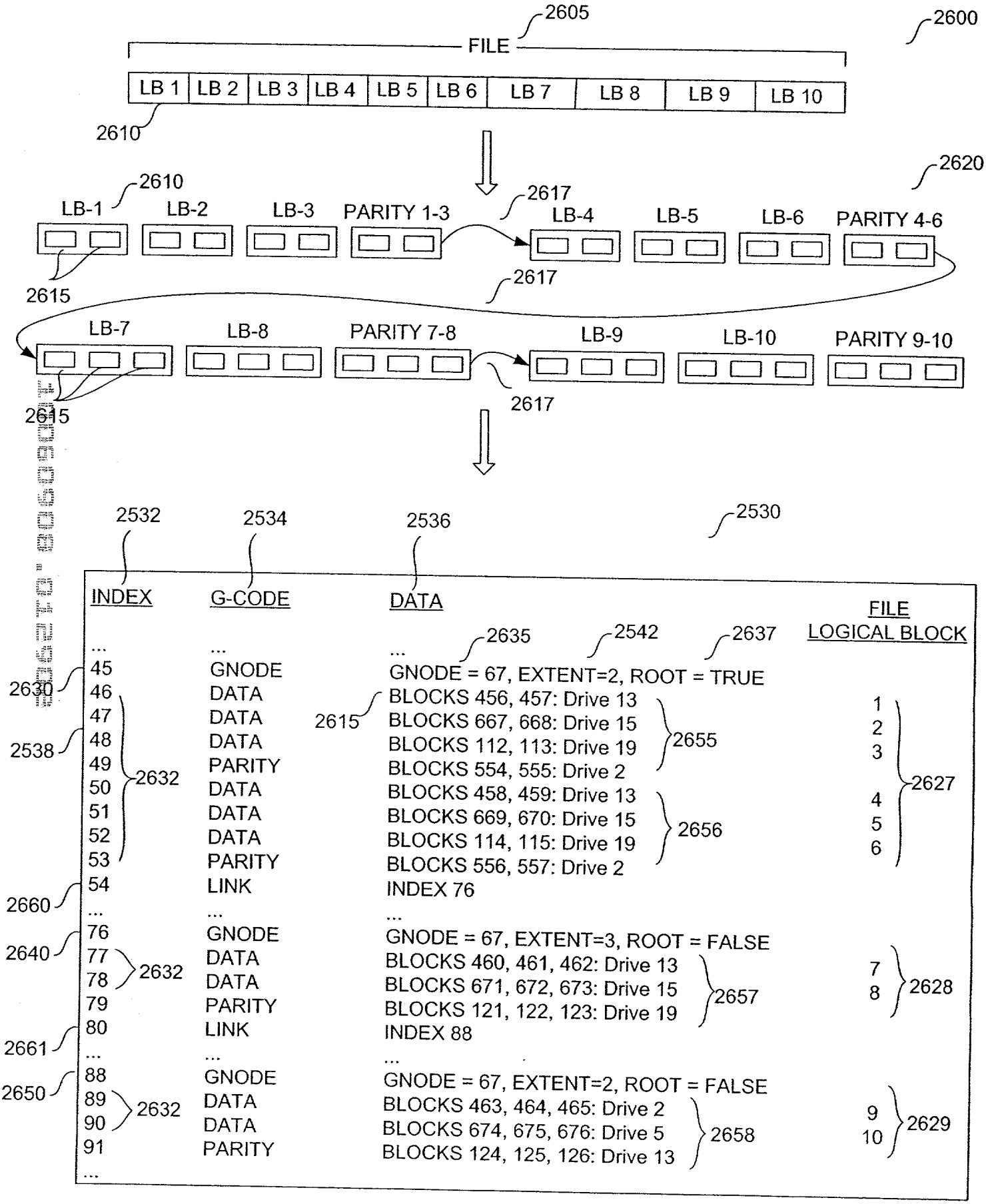

2605
FILE
2600
LB 1
LB 2
LB 3
LB 4
LB 5
LB 6
LB 7
LB 8
LB 9
LB 10
2610
2620
2610
LB-1
LB-2
LB-3
PARITY 1-3
2617
LB-4
LB-5
LB-6
PARITY 4-6
2615
2617
LB-7
LB-8
PARITY 7-8
LB-9
LB-10
PARITY 9-10
2615
2617
2532
2534
2536
2530
INDEX
G-CODE
DATA
FILE LOGICAL BLOCK
2635
2542
2637
... ...
2630 45 GNODE GNODE = 67, EXTENT=2, ROOT = TRUE
46 DATA
47 DATA
2538 48 DATA
49 PARITY
2632
50 DATA
51 DATA
52 DATA
53 PARITY
2615
BLOCKS 456, 457: Drive 13
BLOCKS 667, 668: Drive 15
BLOCKS 112, 113: Drive 19
2655
BLOCKS 554, 555: Drive 2
BLOCKS 458, 459: Drive 13
BLOCKS 669, 670: Drive 15
BLOCKS 114, 115: Drive 19
2656
BLOCKS 556, 557: Drive 2
1
2
3
4
5
6
2627
2660 54 LINK INDEX 76
... ...
2640 76 GNODE GNODE = 67, EXTENT=3, ROOT = FALSE
77 DATA
78 DATA
2632
79 PARITY
BLOCKS 460, 461, 462: Drive 13
BLOCKS 671, 672, 673: Drive 15
BLOCKS 121, 122, 123: Drive 19
2657
7
8
2628
2661 80 LINK INDEX 88
... ...
2650 88 GNODE GNODE = 67, EXTENT=2, ROOT = FALSE
89 DATA
90 DATA
2632
91 PARITY
BLOCKS 463, 464, 465: Drive 2
BLOCKS 674, 675, 676: Drive 5
BLOCKS 124, 125, 126: Drive 13
2658
9
10
2629
...

FIGURE 29

DRIVE FAILURE RECOVERY MECHANISM

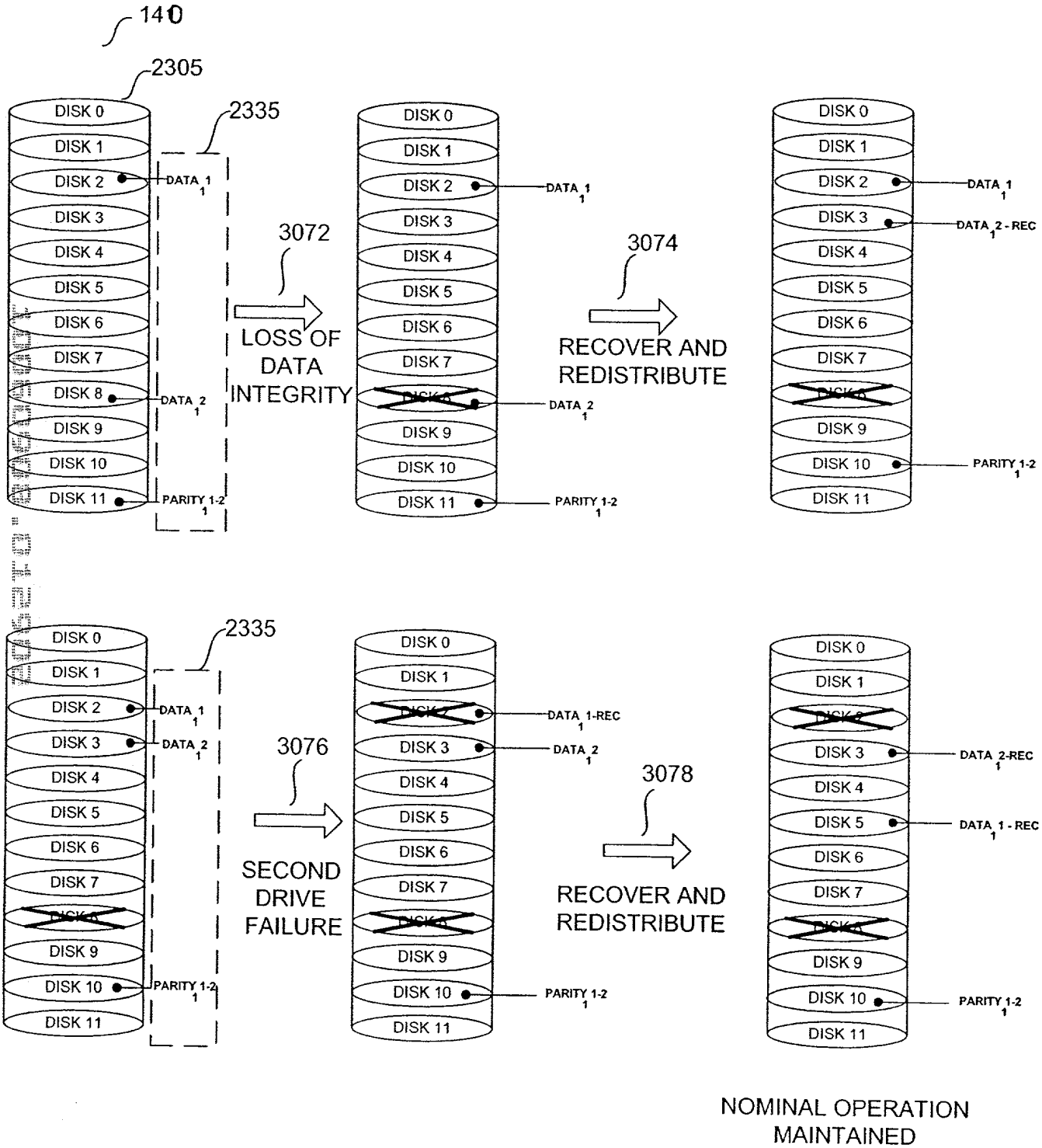


FIGURE 30

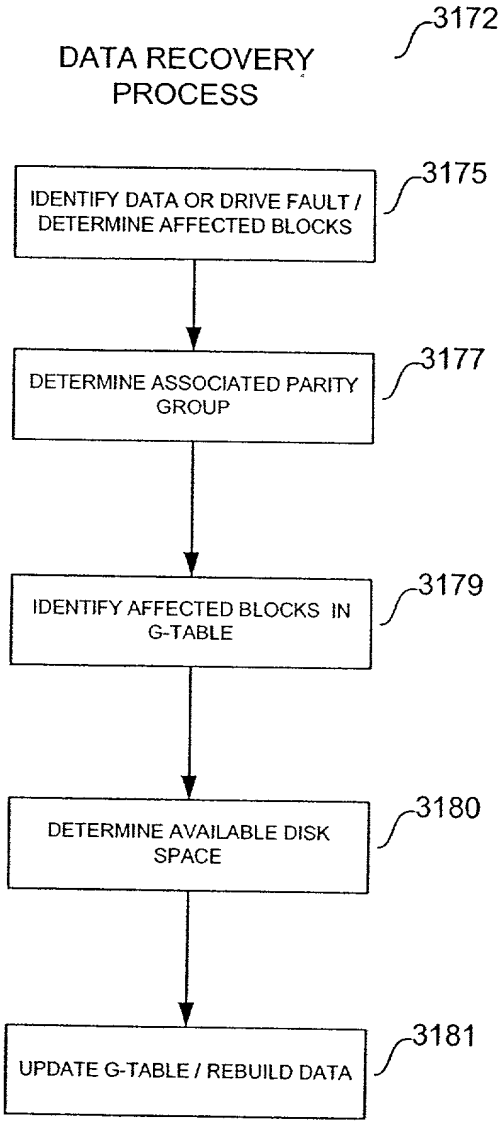

DATA RECOVERY PROCESS
3172
IDENTIFY DATA OR DRIVE FAULT / DETERMINE AFFECTED BLOCKS
3175
DETERMINE ASSOCIATED PARITY GROUP
3177
IDENTIFY AFFECTED BLOCKS IN G-TABLE
3179
DETERMINE AVAILABLE DISK SPACE
3180
UPDATE G-TABLE / REBUILD DATA
3181

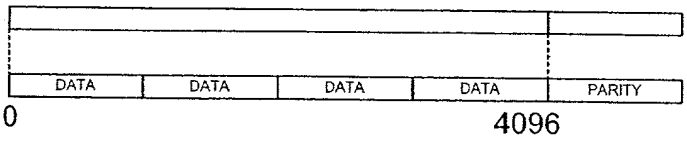
FIGURE 31

FILE #1

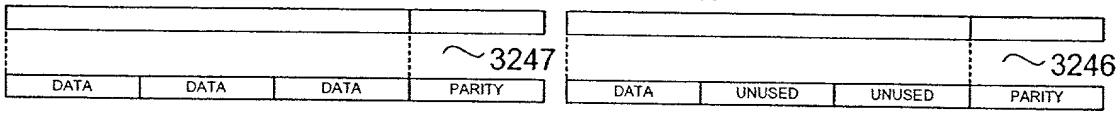
0 4096

FIGURE 32A

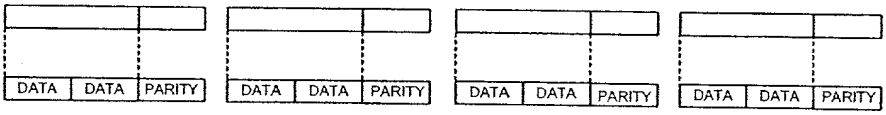
FILE #1 W/ PARITY -- 4-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 2 ~ 3240
5120 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 100%



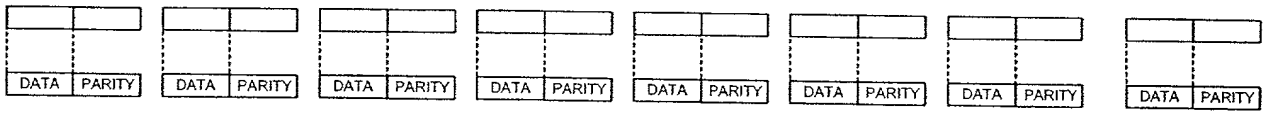
FILE #1 W/ PARITY -- 3-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 2 ~ 3241
8192 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 66%



FILE #1 W/ PARITY -- 2-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 1 ~ 3242
6144 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 100%



FILE #1 W/ PARITY -- 1-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 1 ~ 3243
8192 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 100%

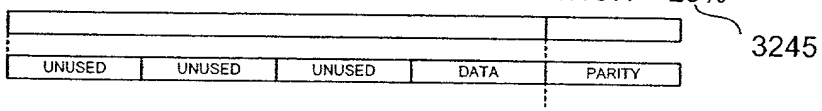


FILE #2

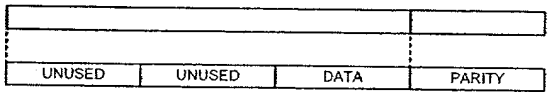
0 1024

FIGURE 32B

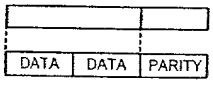
FILE #2 W/ PARITY -- 4-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 2 ~ 3250
5120 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 25%



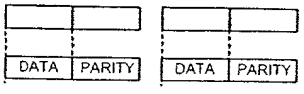
FILE #2 W/ PARITY -- 3-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 2 ~ 3251
4096 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 33%



FILE #2 W/ PARITY -- 2-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 1 ~ 3252
1536 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 100%



FILE #2 W/ PARITY -- 1-BLOCK PARITY GROUP -- EXTENT = 1 ~ 3253
2048 BYTES TOTAL / UTILIZATION = 100%



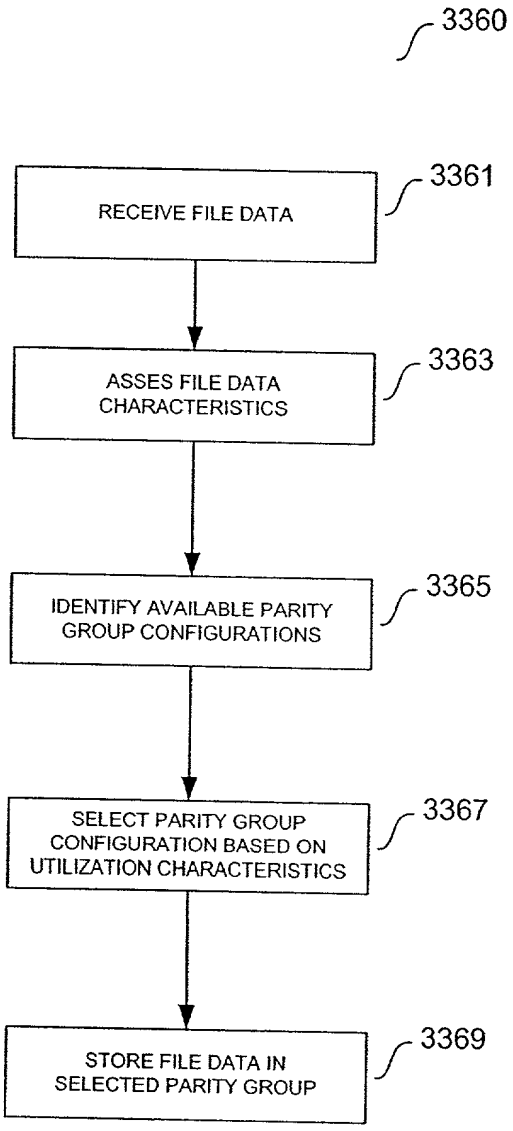
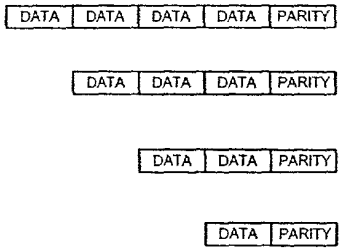

3360
RECEIVE FILE DATA
3361
ASSES FILE DATA CHARACTERISTICS
3363
IDENTIFY AVAILABLE PARITY GROUP CONFIGURATIONS
3365
SELECT PARITY GROUP CONFIGURATION BASED ON UTILIZATION CHARACTERISTICS
3367
STORE FILE DATA IN SELECTED PARITY GROUP
3369

FIGURE 33

FIGURE 34A



INITIAL ALLOCATION 3491 | DISK SPACE % 3485

DISK USAGE 3487

FIGURE 34B

	FREE 3492	OCCUPIED 3490	TOTAL	DISK SPACE %
3480 4 block parity	2500 groups	7500 groups	10000 groups	36%
3481 3 block parity	7500 groups	2500 groups	10000 groups	28%
3482 2 block parity	3500 groups	6500 groups	10000 groups	22%
3483 1 block parity	500 groups	9500 groups	10000 groups	14%

REDISTRIBUTION 3494

FIGURE 34C

		FREE 3492	OCCUPIED 3490	TOTAL	DISK SPACE %
3480 4 block parity		2500 groups	7500 groups	10000 groups	36%
3481 3 block parity	-5000 groups of 3 block parity	2500 groups	2500 groups	5000 groups	14%
3482 2 block parity		3500 groups	6500 groups	10000 groups	22%
3483 1 block parity	+10000 groups of 1 block parity	10500 groups	9500 groups	20000 groups	28% REDISTRIBUTION

PARITY GROUP REDISTRIBUTION PROCESSES 3500

3510

FIGURE 35A PARITY GROUP DISSOLUTION

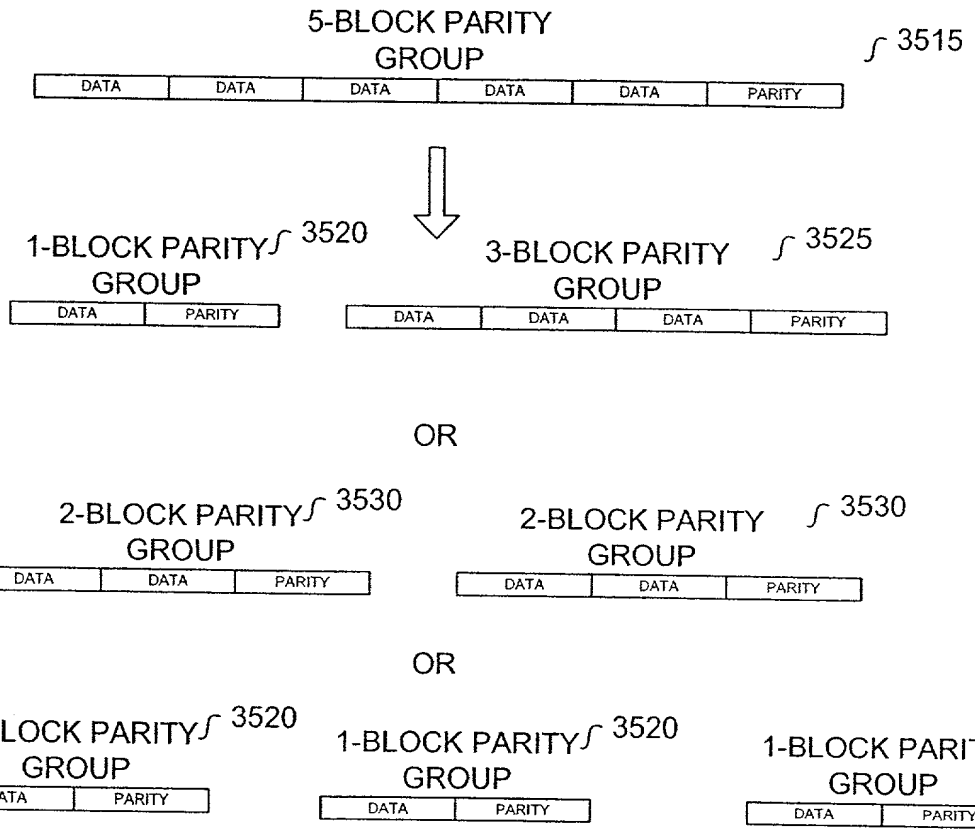


FIGURE 35B

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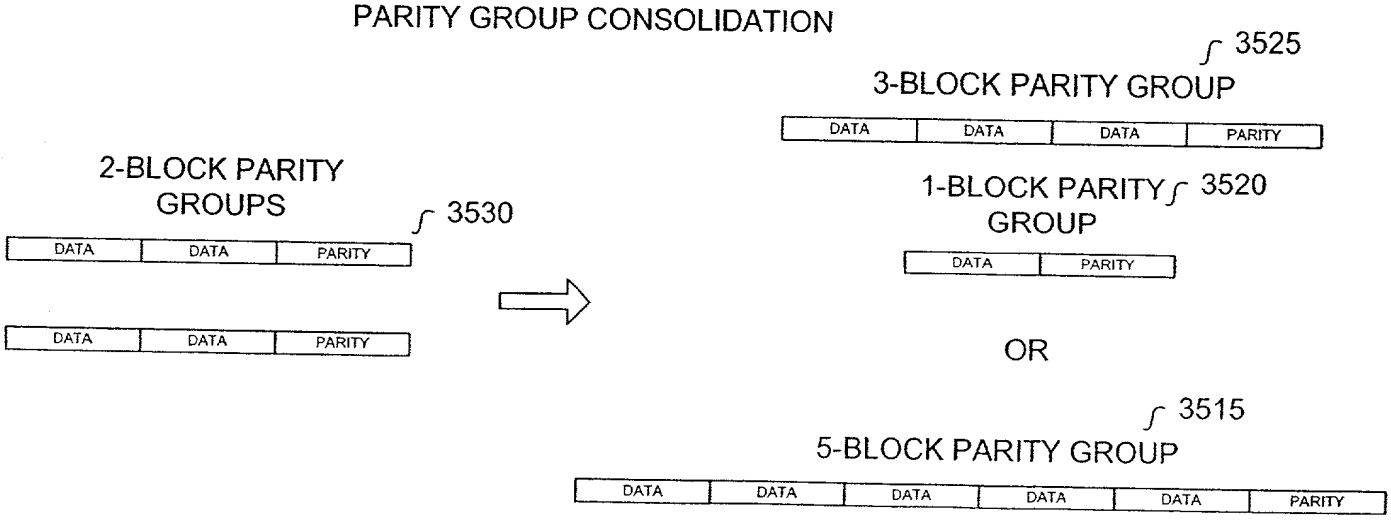
PARITY GROUP CONSOLIDATION



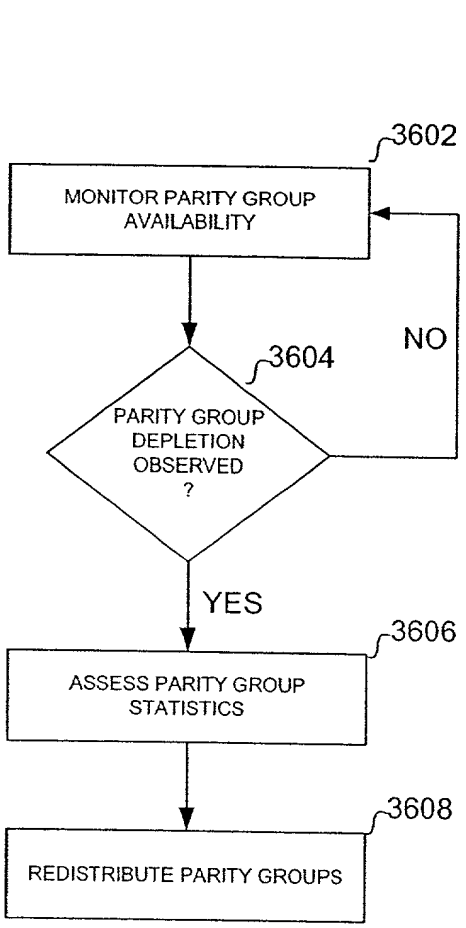

3600
3602
MONITOR PARITY GROUP AVAILABILITY
NO
3604
PARITY GROUP DEPLETION OBSERVED ?
YES
3606
ASSESS PARITY GROUP STATISTICS
3608
REDISTRIBUTE PARITY GROUPS

FIGURE 36

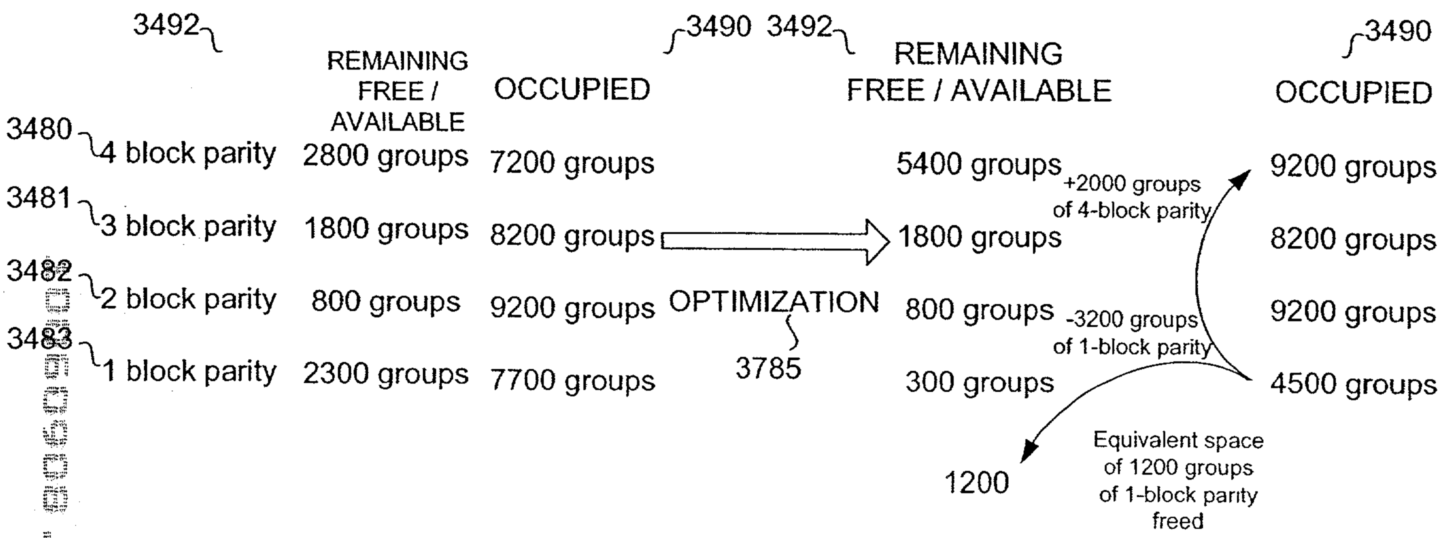

3492
REMAINING FREE / AVAILABLE
OCCUPIED
3490
3492
REMAINING FREE / AVAILABLE
OCCUPIED
3490
3480
4 block parity
2800 groups
7200 groups
5400 groups
+2000 groups of 4-block parity
9200 groups
3481
3 block parity
1800 groups
8200 groups
1800 groups
8200 groups
3482
2 block parity
800 groups
9200 groups
OPTIMIZATION
800 groups
-3200 groups of 1-block parity
9200 groups
3483
1 block parity
2300 groups
7700 groups
3785
300 groups
4500 groups
1200
Equivalent space of 1200 groups of 1-block parity freed

FIGURE 37

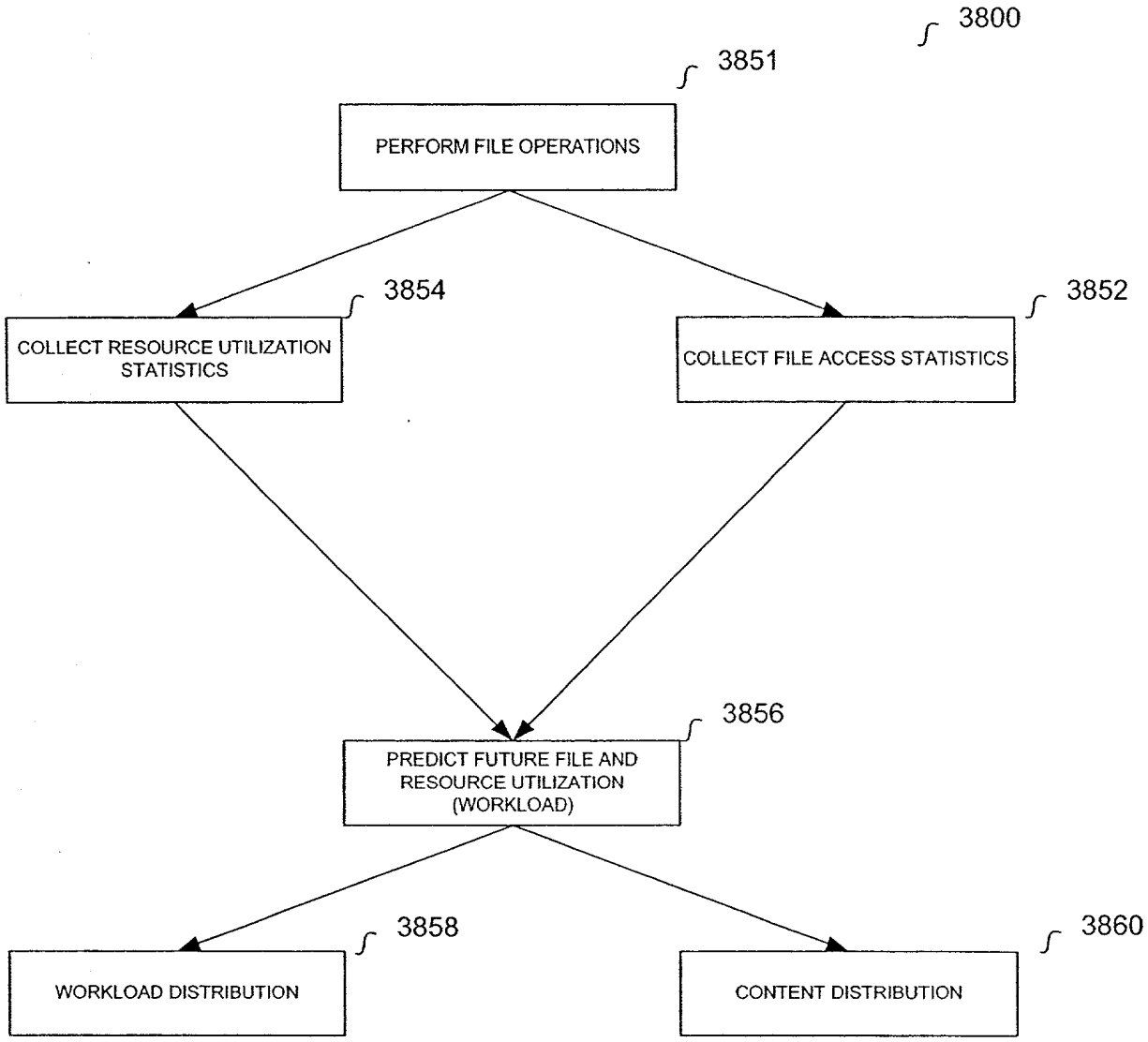

3800
3851
PERFORM FILE OPERATIONS
3854
COLLECT RESOURCE UTILIZATION STATISTICS
3852
COLLECT FILE ACCESS STATISTICS
3856
PREDICT FUTURE FILE AND RESOURCE UTILIZATION (WORKLOAD)
3858
WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION
3860
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE 38

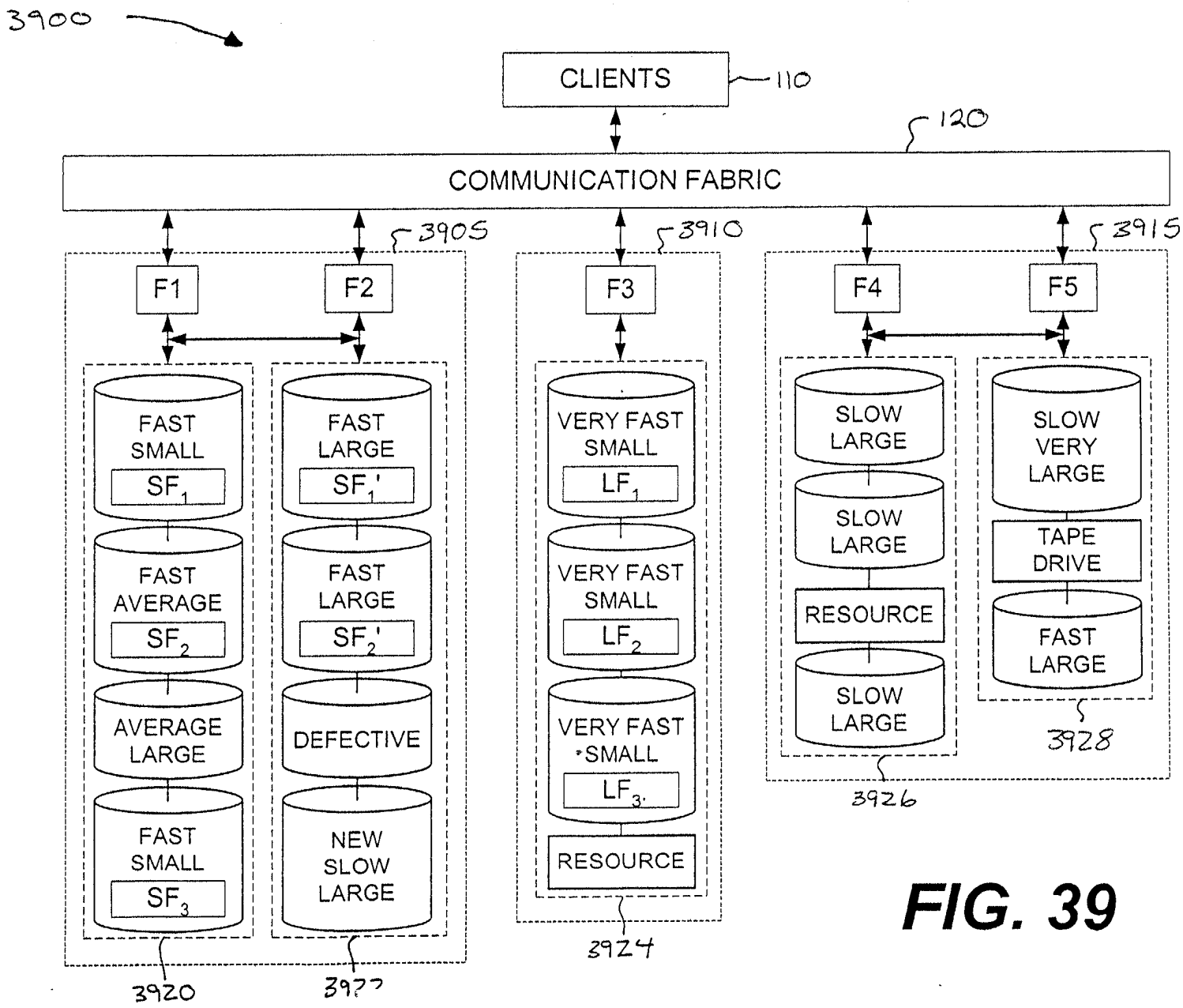

3900
CLIENTS
110
120
COMMUNICATION FABRIC
3905
3910
3915
F1
F2
F3
F4
F5
FAST SMALL
SF1
FAST AVERAGE
SF2
AVERAGE LARGE
FAST SMALL
SF3
FAST LARGE
SF1'
FAST LARGE
SF2'
DEFECTIVE
NEW SLOW LARGE
VERY FAST SMALL
LF1
VERY FAST SMALL
LF2
VERY FAST SMALL
LF3
RESOURCE
SLOW LARGE
SLOW LARGE
RESOURCE
SLOW LARGE
SLOW VERY LARGE
TAPE DRIVE
FAST LARGE
3920
3922
3924
3926
3928

FIG. 39

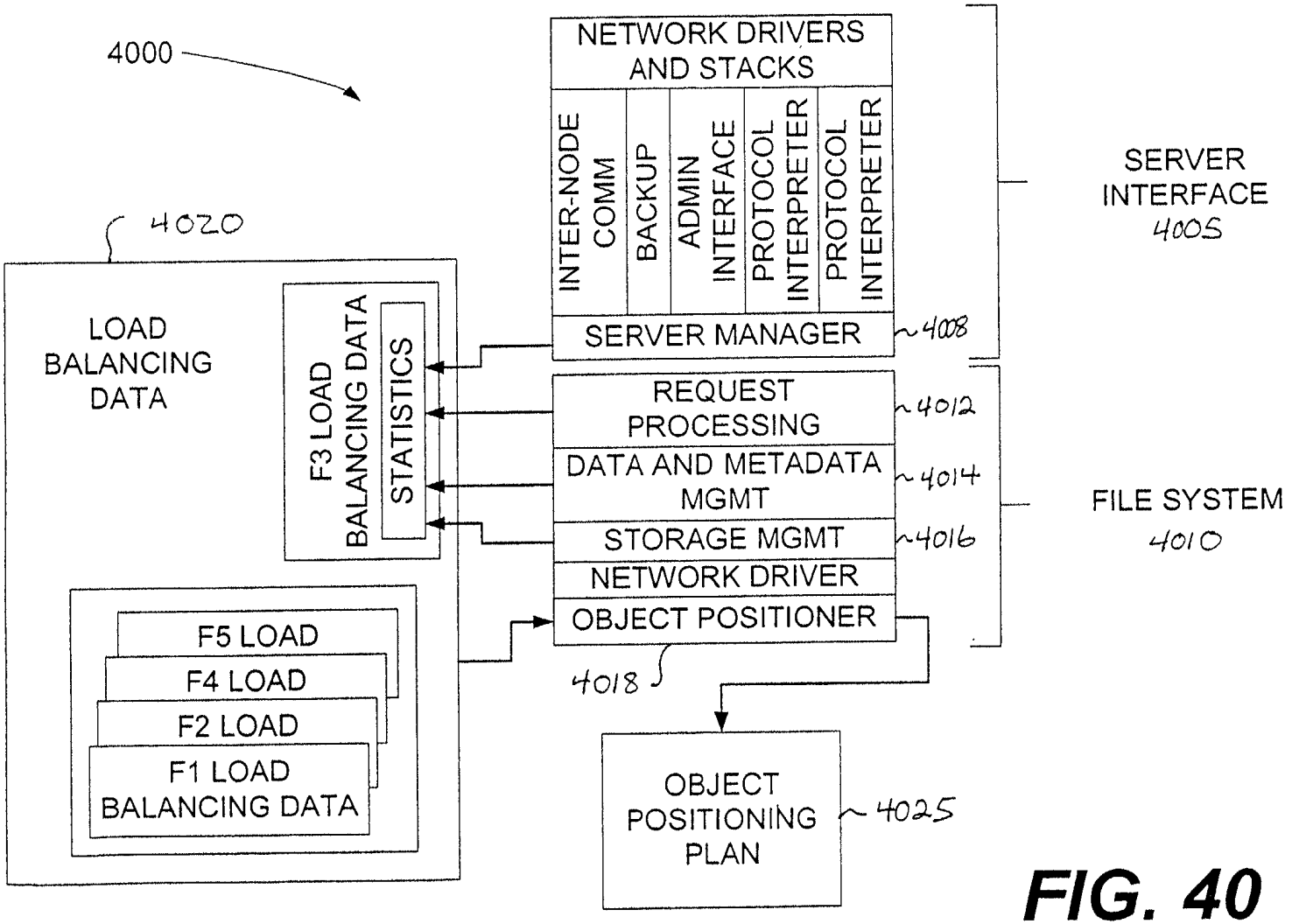


FIG. 40

F3 OBJECT
POSITIONING PLAN

-Push LF to F4-F5 Cluster

-Issue File Handle For LF = Stale

-If Requested,
- -Send acceptance for copy of SF to F1
- -Create copy of SF
- -Send file handle of SF to F1

4025

FIG. 41

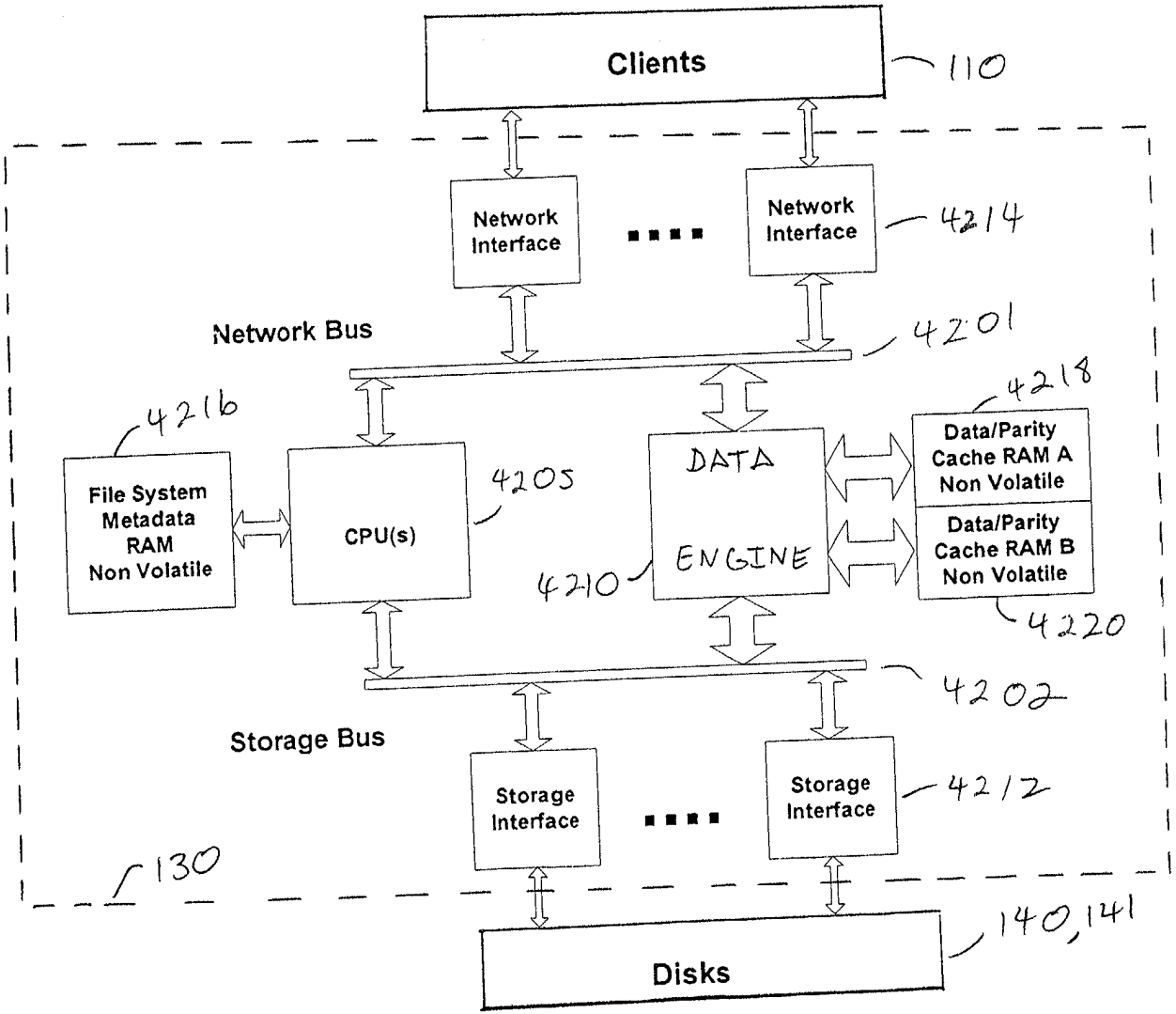

Clients
110
Network Interface
Network Interface
4214
Network Bus
4201
4218
4216
File System Metadata RAM Non Volatile
CPU(s)
4205
DATA
ENGINE
4210
Data/Parity Cache RAM A Non Volatile
Data/Parity Cache RAM B Non Volatile
4220
4202
Storage Bus
Storage Interface
Storage Interface
4212
130
140, 141
Disks

FIGURE 42

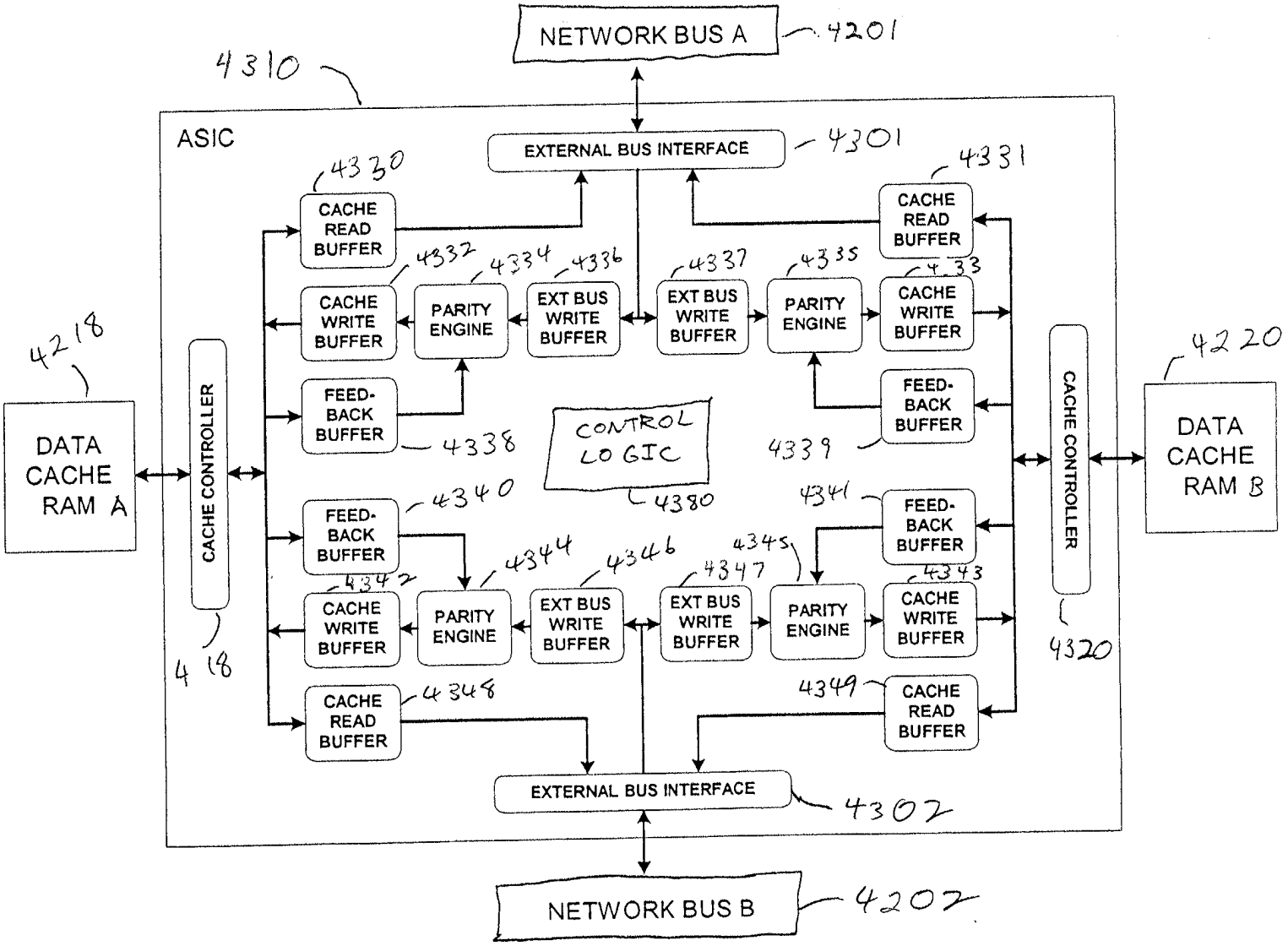
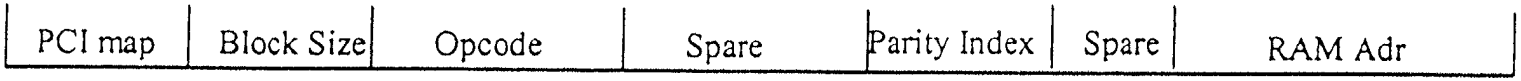

NETWORK BUS A
4201
4310
ASIC
EXTERNAL BUS INTERFACE
4301
4330
CACHE READ BUFFER
4331
CACHE READ BUFFER
4332
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4334
PARITY ENGINE
4336
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
4337
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
4335
PARITY ENGINE
4333
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4218
DATA CACHE RAM A
CACHE CONTROLLER
FEED-BACK BUFFER
4338
CONTROL LOGIC
4380
FEED-BACK BUFFER
4339
4220
DATA CACHE RAM B
CACHE CONTROLLER
4320
4340
FEED-BACK BUFFER
4341
FEED-BACK BUFFER
4344
4346
4345
4347
4342
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
PARITY ENGINE
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
PARITY ENGINE
4343
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4218
4348
CACHE READ BUFFER
4349
CACHE READ BUFFER
EXTERNAL BUS INTERFACE
4302
NETWORK BUS B
4202

FIGURE 43



4400

FIGURE 44